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## Yacht briefly detained: Iran

BAHRAIN, March 27. (Agencies): Iranian diplomatic sources in the Gulf said today the Iranian Coast Guard briefly detained last week a luxury yacht owned by an Arab tycoon with Gulf and European passengers on board, but released the vessel shortly afterwards.

The report of the seizure of the yacht first appeared in the Kuwaiti daily *Al Anbaa*.

However, in London, the British Foreign Office denied the report that four Britons and members of the Kuwaiti ruling family were on the yacht hijacked while sailing from Bahrain to Kuwait.

A Foreign Office spokesman this morning told Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) they had "no information whatsoever to verify any elements of the report."

He said British embassy officials in both Bahrain and Kuwait had investigated the details of the original newspaper story and found nothing to support it.

The Iranian sources said the yacht was detained on Thursday after straying into Iranian territorial waters in the northern Gulf.

"After a routine check, the boat was

allowed to resume its journey with all passengers and crew on board," the source, who requested his name not be used, said, adding he had no information on whether the passengers aboard the yacht included members of the Kuwaiti royal family.

KUNA quoted what it described as "authoritative Kuwaiti sources," who "categorically denied" that five members of the Kuwaiti royal family were aboard the vessel.

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## Restrictions on Pakistani workers to be waived

By Ashraf Shah

Arab Times staff

KUWAIT, March 27: Kuwait has assured Pakistan that it will permit Pakistani workers to come here to work, Malik Mukhtar Awan, the Pakistani Minister for Labour and Manpower said today.

Awan, who is visiting Kuwait, also said that the assurance was given by Kuwait's Minister for Social Welfare and Labour, Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed.

Awan met Sheikh Nasser today to discuss labour issues and other matters of mutual interest.

Two committees of experts, representing Pakistan and Kuwait, are currently holding talks on manpower requirements of Kuwait.

While talking to the press at a luncheon meeting with Pakistani exchange and finance companies, Awan said that 50 vocational centres are being established throughout Pakistan to improve the skill of Pakistani labour who will be sent overseas for taking up employment.

He added that such centres will also be established in countries where the bulk of Pakistani manpower is concentrated. He went on to state that the Libyan government has already agreed to give full co-operation towards establishing these centres there.

Awan also said that his ministry is also planning to form a bank with mobile banking system to deliver money at the doorsteps of the families of the expatriate workers. Such a system is intended to cut down illegal channels of money transfer from abroad, he added.

Meanwhile, the Pakistani Ambassador to Kuwait, Zahid Said thanked his HH the Amir for sending his advisor Mohammad Sulaiman Said Ali to a reception held to mark Pakistan Day.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Four die in fighting

JOHANNESBURG, March 27. (Reuter): South African police said four black men were killed in weekend unrest in Natal province, scene of bitter fighting between rival factions.

In Riverton outside Pinetown near Durban two men died yesterday when a group raided a shop, stealing the stock and wrecking the building, police said on Monday.

## Rebel outpost captured

BANGKOK, March 27. (UPI): Burmese soldiers backed by artillery captured a rebel outpost in fierce fighting that left more than 100 combatants dead and some 200 wounded. Burmese radio and a military source said today.

A border military source said about 1,200 Burmese government troops backed by 105mm artillery and mortars overran the Karen National Union (KNU) base at Mawpok yesterday morning after a three-day battle.

## Sharon issues appeal

SAN DIEGO, March 27. (AP): The wife of a Navy captain who mistakenly shot down an Iranian airliner with 290 people on board began appearing on television today in spots aimed at finding

whoever planted a bomb that destroyed her van. Authorities believe the bomb, which exploded while Sharon Rogers was driving the van on March 10, might have been the work of terrorists.



The Turks waiting in Vienna airport to be transferred to a camp for refugees. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Three days in airport lounge

VIENNA, March 27. (Reuter): Austrian Interior Minister Franz Loeschak today ordered 76 Turks who were held in an airport lounge for three days to be transferred to a refugee camp.

Since Friday immigration officials have detained about 100 Turkish men at Vienna's Schwechat airport on arrival from Istanbul, an Interior Ministry spokesman said.

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10 killed  
Prison rioters  
take 500  
hostage

GUATEMALA CITY, March 27. (UPI): Armed inmates held more than 500 women and children hostage today after taking over a Guatemalan prison in a riot that killed 10 people and injured 50, a prison official said.

Conrado Monroy, spokesman for the national prison system, said 375 women, 154 children and seven men were held hostage at El Pavon maximum security prison outside the capital.

The hostages were visiting the prison on Easter Sunday when inmates raided the main guard station, confiscated about 250 rifles and took over the prison.

Monroy said three warders and seven inmates were killed and about 50 prisoners, warders and visitors were injured in an exchange of gunfire that lasted three hours.

Two fire service officials who had been conducting negotiations with the inmates were also taken hostage at 2 am (0800 GMT), almost 14 hours after the rioting started.

The prisoners have demanded negotiations with state-appointed human rights ombudsman, Oscar Menendez de la Riva, independent human rights leaders Nineth de Garcia and a representative of Amnesty International, Monroy said.

They are seeking a general amnesty or reduction of sentences, removal of the prison's director and improved living conditions, Monroy said.

A Guatemalan journalist who entered the prison and talked to rioting inmates said an estimated 200 prisoners were armed.

"I think this is going to go on for a long time," said journalist Ricardo Gatica. "They feel they are in a strong position."

Marcos Antonio Rosales, a visitor held hostage for seven hours before being released with his injured wife, described the riot. "It was like being hit with a flood of water... about 12:30 pm everybody started running and we ran to the church (inside the prison)."

About 1,500 security agents, including soldiers and police, were posted outside the prison last night.

The inmates, after talking with two high ranking fire service officials, had agreed to allow rescue workers to take away the injured last night.

Monroy said inmates took advantage of the guards' shift change to seize the warders' weapons and take over the prison.

Two warders were guarding weapons left by an earlier shift when a group of inmates broke in and killed them, he said.

Third incident  
Boeing returns  
after problems

AUCKLAND, March 27. (Reuter): A United Airlines Boeing 747 carrying 301 passengers to Honolulu was forced to turn back to New Zealand today with engine problems, the airline said.

It was the third incident involving a United Airlines jumbo on a Pacific route in just over a month.

The pilot shut down an engine while still climbing out of Auckland after he received indications it was not working properly, United Airlines spokesman Sean McNamara said.

The pilot dumped part of the fuel and flew the plane on its remaining three engines, landing back at Auckland at 8:20 pm (0820 GMT) 35 minutes after taking off.

Man detained for  
bomb warning

NEW YORK, March 27. (AP): A man was arrested after falsely reporting that he had placed a bomb aboard a Pan American World Airways flight from New York to London, police at Kennedy airport said today.

A Pan Am spokesman said the threat was determined to be a hoax and the flight was unaffected.

The man called the Port Authority police information centre at 9:44 pm (0244 GMT) yesterday and told the operator that he had placed a bomb on Pan Am Flight 102 to London, said Port Authority police officer Sal Borgese.

## Tutwiler

WASHINGTON, March 27. (AP): Margaret Tutwiler made her debut as State Department spokeswoman today, cautioning reporters that she was not knowledgeable about foreign policy and asking them "patience and understanding."

Communists will be  
able to hold office

Filipinos to elect local councils

MANILA, March 27. (UPI): Filipinos will elect local councils tomorrow in the nation's 41,000 districts and villages, the last stage of President Corazon Aquino's plan to return the country to full democracy.

Aquino said today that any communist guerrillas elected would be allowed to hold office.

Voting centres were scheduled to open at 7 am (2300 GMT) and Hilario Davide, chairman of the government commission on elections, predicted a heavy turnout among an estimated 29 million voters.

The 160,000-member armed forces were placed on red alert — the maximum state of readiness — for possible disturbances by communist guerrillas. A nationwide liquor ban also went into effect carrying a penalty of six years imprisonment for scofflaws.

News reports said six candidates were killed in the 10-day campaign, but the military confirmed only three slayings and said they had nothing to do with the elections.

A government report said a policeman and jail guard exchanged gunfire while arguing during a rally in Lucena city southeast of Manila yesterday, wounding nine civilians in the crossfire.

However, officials said they expected generally peaceful and orderly balloting, except in some "hotspots" where rebels operate.

Although non-partisan, the elections are contested by the outlawed Communist Party of the Philippines. A military report said the communists hope to win 60 percent of the races.

On the eve of the election, Aquino said guerrillas legally would be allowed to hold office.

"I hope they will abide by the law," said Aquino.

In a statement today, the National Democratic Front, the political arm of the Communist Party, called on Filipinos to rally behind the NPA and "end US imperialism and the prolonged oppression and exploitation by the local ruling



A teacher, who will act as a voting monitor, brings a ballot box to school precinct. (Reuter wirephoto)

encounters in the central islands of Samar and Leyte yesterday.

Ousted President Ferdinand Marcos, currently in exile in the United States, used the barangays, or village councils, as political bases to keep himself in power for 20 years, using them in rigged referendums during the martial law years of the 1970s.

Each barangay council has seven members and the highest vote getter is automatically made village chief. Officials said some one million candidates were vying for more than 280,000 council seats.

Kim warns of  
rightist plot  
to block  
democracy

SEOUL, March 27. (AP): Korean opposition leader Kim Dae-Jung said today that "ultra-rightists" within the government and military are deeply opposed to democracy in South Korea and are willing to use force to retain control.

Elements within the government who support South Korea's democratisation, but rightist hard-liners are trying to block the shift to democracy, Kim told the Seoul Foreign Press Club. The rightists fear losing their hold on power, he said.

"The ultra-rightist group in our country is attempting to bring about a catastrophe by any means," Kim said. "They feel as if their throats are being choked by a series of democratic reforms."

Kim urged President Roh Tae-woo to persist with democratic reforms and said he should sever ties with right-wingers in the government, military and ruling party. But he declined to further identify the groups further.

Kim said he urged Roh to call off a promised mid-term referendum on the President's performance because it could have plunged the nation into chaos and allowed right-wingers to take control. Roh announced March 20 that he was postponing the referendum indefinitely.

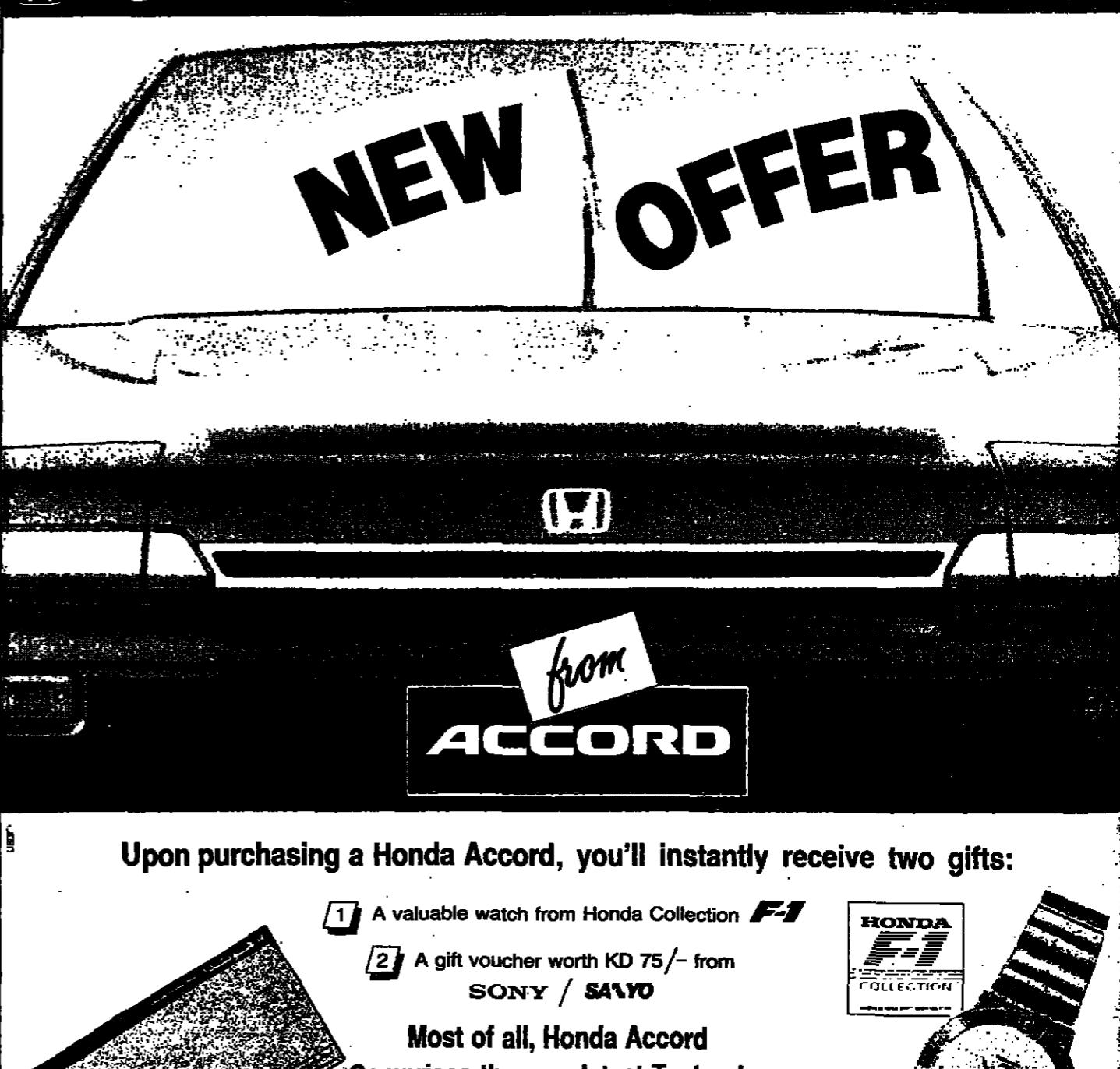
In calling off the referendum, Roh warned violent leftist radicals were plotting to stage a revolution. But it was not clear if Roh could have won the referendum and defied could have forced new presidential elections.

Kim, head of the opposition party for peace and democracy, said it would be premature to conduct a referendum since Roh has not fully carried out all of the democratic reforms he promised before taking office.

Many observers believed Kim did not want a referendum because polls showed rival opposition leader Kim Young-Sam ahead of him in popularity.

A dissident protestant minister Rev. Moon Ik-Hwan, who made an unauthorised trip to North Korea will be arrested on his return for violating national security laws, government sources said today.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Cosmonaut

MOSCOW, March 27. (AP): Someonat an Army draft centre who insisted on summoning Sergei Krikalev apparently didn't know where to find the cosmonaut, though he and his extraterrestrial whereabouts mentioned in Soviet news media almost daily. Krikalev told Moscow Radio yesterday that several written orders demanding he report to the center have arrived at his home over the past four months, the official Tass news agency reported. The cosmonaut never received them, of course. He has been in orbit aboard the space station MIR for four months.

## Tourist wounded

STROMBOLI, Sicily, March 27. (AP): A West German tourist fell and broke her arm as she fled a shower of ash and stone that spewed from the volcano on the Aeolian Island of Stromboli yesterday, the Italian News Agency ANSA reported. The volcano, which dominates the tiny, lush island north of Sicily, has been relatively inactive for about three years, ANSA said, although it gives off almost daily displays of flame and smoke, to the delight of tourists who ascend its slopes with guides to watch the spectacle.

## Soviet coup report

MOSCOW, March 27. (Reuter): Soviet Defence Minister Dmitry Yazov brushed aside with a wry smile an American press report that he might have tried to stage a coup against Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev. "I've never even thought of it," the tall, burly general told reporters with a grin at the polling station where he cast his vote in the Soviet general elections.

## Ballet star dies

MOSCOW, March 27. (AP): Soviet ballet star Marius Liepa, who dazzled the crowds both on stage and off, has died of a heart attack at the age of 52, Tass reported. Liepa, who danced in Moscow's Bolshoi Ballet, died Saturday, the official news agency reported. Liepa, a native of the Soviet Republic of Latvia, was known as a glamorous, charismatic dancer whose charm was not lost off the stage.

# Rising winds hampering efforts to clean up oil spill

## State of emergency declared

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, March 27. (Reuter): The worst oil spill in North America grew to 100 square miles (260 sq km) today, the US Coast Guard said, and rising winds threatened to hamper efforts to clean up one of America's richest marine waterways.

Alaska Governor Steve Cowper declared a state of emergency and



Fred Kampkoff, a resident of the village of Tatitlek on oil-smeared Prince Sound, checks out an oil containment boom washed ashore on Bligh Island (Reuter wirephoto)

crews began burning some of the 11 million gallons of oil that gushed from the Exxon Valdez when it ran aground in Prince William Sound on Friday.

The Exxon Shipping Co, which owns the Exxon Valdez, said an unqualified third mate was in charge of the 987-foot (312-metre) ship at the time of the accident.

Exxon Shipping Co president Frank Iarossi told reporters Captain Joseph Hazelwood, 44, went below as the ship headed for the open sea and handed control to third mate Greg Cousins.

The ship had loaded with crude oil at Valdez, the southern terminal of the Alaska pipeline which supplies about 20 per cent of US oil. Officials said it would take up to a week to remove the one million barrels of crude left on the Exxon Valdez.

## Oil prices

Crude oil prices soared above the \$19 level in Tokyo trading today for the first time in 18 months on news that the spill closed Prince William Sound to commercial ships.

The Alaskan department of environmental conservation said that tanker traffic could resume by Wednesday, or by Friday at the latest.

The US Coast Guard said winds up to 35 miles per hour (55 kph) would make it more difficult for 200 workers to deploy booms around the oil.

Coast Guard spokesman Todd Nelson said Exxon, which has taken charge of cleaning up the spill, appeared to be having success with the experimental burning of oil.

But environmentalists were worried that the accident had seriously damaged valuable fishing grounds and teeming marine life in the sound, 100 miles (160 km) southeast of Anchorage.

Exxon was setting up centres where soiled birds and mammals could be cleaned but there was no accurate count of how many would need help.

## Birds

Al Mackay, an environmental scientist with Exxon USA, said 30 birds soiled with oil were spotted over the weekend. He said they would be picked up today and taken to the centres.

This oil spill may well be the greatest disaster to hit Alaska since the Good Friday earthquake 25 years ago (that killed 114 people)," Cowper said in a statement.

"It requires the most thorough response we can muster."

"There were some things that were done wrong," Exxon spokesman Brian Dunphy said. "It's Exxon's policy that the captain should be on the bridge where they were located in the waters. He was not on the bridge."

An investigation team from the national transportation safety board spent four hours on board the ship.

## S. Africa's black political activist suspends his fast on 38th day

JOHANNESBURG, March 27. (UPI): The longest participant in a hunger strike among political prisoners detained without charge said he was suspending his fast on its 38th day today pending further negotiations with the government on his release.

Sandile Thusi, 26, a black researcher at the University of Natal and community activist, said in a statement released through lawyers that he would break the hunger strike after his morning prayers with members of his family.

"No medicine can cure me. The only cure for me is to be released," Thusi's statement said.

## Details

"There is a willingness on the part of both sides to negotiate. No decision has been made on whether to resume the hunger strike if I am not released," he added.

Thusi, detained for the past eight months, was among more than 300 political prisoners who

was unable to immediately confirm that the activist had suspended his hunger strike today as promised and declined to comment on details of the negotiations for his release.

"There are negotiations pending at the moment, but I can't say that he will be released," she said.

Thusi, detained for the past eight months, was among more than 300 political prisoners who

## Fusion details soon

LONDON, March 27. (AP): British chemist Martin Fleischmann, who claims to have made a major breakthrough and achieved energy-producing nuclear fusion in a laboratory has urged scientists to wait for his written explanation before trying to reproduce the experiment.

"It is quite easy to set it up in a way where it shows nothing," he told reporters as he arrived at Heathrow airport. "I have told people that they should

wait until the scientific papers are in print so that they can see how it can be done in a proper fashion."

Fleischmann, 61, a professor at the University of Southampton, and B. Stanley Pons, chairman of the University of Utah chemistry department, announced in Salt Lake City Thursday that they had achieved a sustained nuclear fusion reaction with equipment that is available in college laboratories.

## Extension of truce

MADRID, March 27. (Reuter): Basque guerrillas extended a truce for three months today on condition that three of their leaders jailed in France be allowed to join in talks with the Spanish government.

The separatist group ETA (Basque Homeland and Freedom), which has had several rounds of secret talks with Spanish envoys in Algiers, said that a two-and-a-half month ceasefire which expired at midnight on June 24.

But its statement to the radical Basque newspaper Egin laid down the condition that Jose Antonio Urruticoechea, Juan Lorenzo Michelena and Iñaki Garalde -- all in jail in France -- should join the talks within a month.

The ETA statement said its talks with the government would continue at a higher level.

Security forces, fearing a possible guerrilla attack, went on alert in the Basque region and in the cities of Madrid and Barcelona as the deadline expired at midnight on Sunday.

ETA (Basque Homeland and Freedom) called its first unilateral truce in its 21-year-old fight for Basque independence when it began talks with Madrid envoys in Algiers in January.

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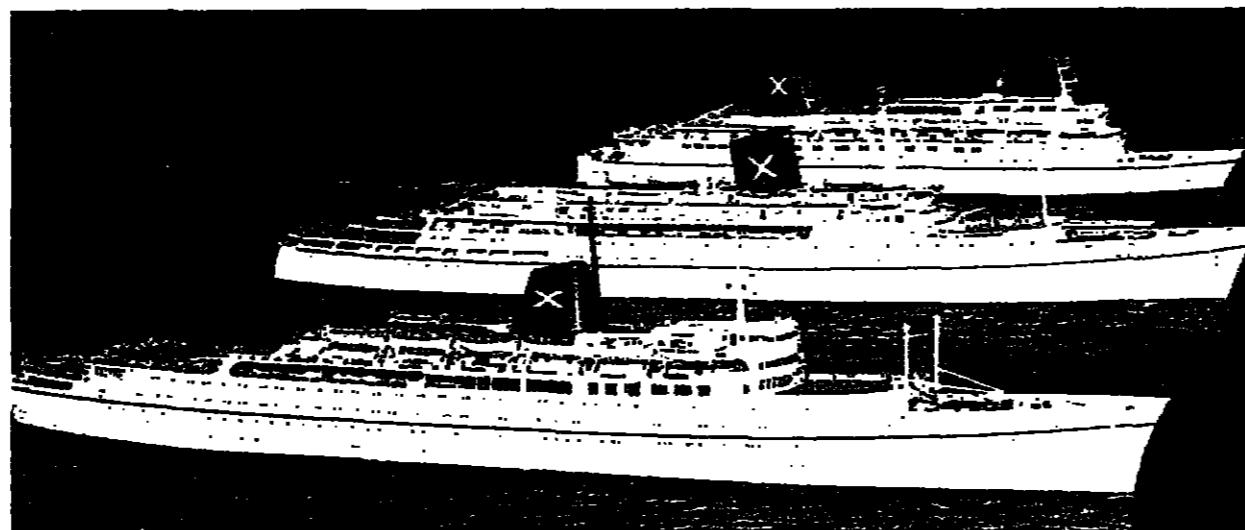
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# Yeltsin sweeps into Soviet Parliament

Stunning challenge to Kremlin

MOSCOW, March 27, (Agencies): Rebel communist Boris Yeltsin, in a stunning challenge to the Kremlin, swept into the Soviet Union's new-style Parliament as deputy for Moscow today with a crushing 89 per cent of the poll.

The result was given to journalists by election officials at Moscow City Hall as jubilant Yeltsin supporters at his headquarters only a few hundred yards (metres) away burst into shouts of "We won. We won."

The outcome of the voting in the country's electoral district number one marked a startling comeback for the 58-year-old Siberian who was expelled from the Communist Party's ruling Politburo a year ago for "political errors."

It was also a clear demonstration of the popularity of his calls for more radical reform, an end to official privilege and the dismantling of the power of the party bureaucracy.

In an interview with Reuters just before the official results were released, Yeltsin said his triumph would force the authorities to speed up Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's "perestroika" reform programme. "I am really grateful to Muscovites for having made this choice. Now I am really concerned about how to implement the programme I have formulated."

Electoral Commission chairman Igor Orlov read the Moscow returns to Soviet and foreign reporters in the ornate, chandeliered white hall of the city council building on Gorky Street near the Kremlin.

He said Yeltsin received 5,118,745 votes against 392,633 for his opponent, Zil car plant director Yevgeny Brakov, who had strong backing from the Moscow city party which Yeltsin himself headed from 1985 until late 1987.

"I therefore declare Yeltsin, Boris Nikolayevich, duly returned for the national-territorial district of Moscow to the Congress of People's Deputies," Orlov declared.

Neither candidate was present for the declaration — which came as first results reaching Moscow from across the country in Sunday's history-making Soviet elections showed other radical reform candidates making a strong showing.

But at the offices of Gosstroj, the state construction committee of which Yeltsin is deputy chief, jubilant supporters in the corridors slapped each other on the back.

The burly, white-haired former construction engineer, decried by his critics as a demagogue, told Reuters earlier he hoped to work with other like-minded deputies in the Congress to push through common programmes.

Yeltsin's stunning victory came despite the fact that the top leadership, including Gorbachev, had signalled strongly that



Yeltsin pictured in his Moscow flat as he is having breakfast with his wife Naina shortly before going to cast his ballot in the Soviet general elections. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Multi-party system 'rejected'

MOSCOW, March 27, (UPI): As election officials predicted an extraordinarily heavy turnout in Sunday's nation-wide poll, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev underlined the limits of his "new democracy" by rejecting the concept of a multi-party system in the Soviet Union.

However Gorbachev said he was "in favour of competition" when it came to a choice of candidates in a one party system.

A key aspect of former Moscow party boss Boris Yeltsin's platform has been his call for a serious look at forming a multi-party system to challenge the Communist Party's monopoly on power.

Despite the party's attempt at sabotaging his campaign, Yeltsin appeared to be the darling of Moscow's 6.7 million voters and on the verge of an unprecedented political comeback in the face of extreme odds.

The Soviet leader, in an apparent rebuttal to Yeltsin's repeated calls for more far reaching and faster reform, warned to move too fast might jeopardise the gains already made toward greater democracy.

Hedged that party had targeted Yeltsin for a dirty tricks campaign.

they disapproved of his populist approach.

Only 10 days before the election, the first since just after the Bolshevik Revolution in which voters were offered a choice, the party Central Committee decided to investigate whether he was violating communist discipline.

And just a few days earlier, the committee released the text of speeches by the entire Kremlin hierarchy — from reformists to conservatives — condemning him for allegedly seeking to split the party.

Gorbachev himself told reporters after casting his own vote yesterday that the country had to avoid "stupidities and great leaps forward" in what appeared to be a clear reference to Yeltsin's calls for a radicalisation of perestroika.

In another blow to Communist Party prestige, nationalist candidates representing the

Sajudis movement in the Baltic republic of Lithuania swept to victory in 31 of the republic's 42 circuits and are involved in second round runoff elections in eight other districts.

Whilst in neighbouring Estonia it appeared that a vast majority of the 19 seats up for grabs there had been captured by nationalist candidates. Estonia television said.

As results from major urban centres became public it was clear that prominent Communist Party-approved candidates were soundly rejected by voters in several election-day embarrassments.

In Tomsk, Siberia, the Communist Party-approved candidate V. Zorkaltsev, first secretary of the regional party committee failed to win the required 50 per cent of the vote even though he was running unopposed.

## Thatcher honoured in Morocco

MARRAKESH, Morocco, March 27, (Reuter): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher arrived in Morocco at the start of a six-day African tour today to be uniquely honoured by King Hassan.

Thatcher's first engagement of a stop-over lasting less than 24 hours was a private lunch with the ladies of the royal family hosted by the king's wife, Lalla Latifa.

Lalla Latifa is rarely seen in public and granting Thatcher access to his family in the sumptuous palace, the royal winter home in Marrakesh, is a distinction the king did not even confer on Queen Elizabeth during her 1980 state visit.

Thatcher and King Hassan were scheduled to hold at least two hours of talks later before he hosts a state banquet in her honour this evening.

British officials said they expected the talks to be "broadly political", centring on the Arab-Israeli conflict in particular and the Middle East in general.

"The king is well placed to encourage contact between the Palestinians and Israel," an aide told reporters aboard Thatcher's plane during the flight from London.

Thatcher was met at a rain-lashed Marrakesh airport by Prime Minister Azeddine Laraki, who hosted husband Denis to lunch while Thatcher attended her strictly ladies-only function.

By contrast, the 63-year-old Thatcher will be the only woman at tonight's banquet.

## Views on Jesus being contradicted

ATLANTA, March 27, (UPI): New historical research is contradicting the traditional view that Jesus conducted a largely rural ministry, preaching to simple audiences in parables that centred on agriculture, a report yesterday said.

Evidence is emerging in Israel that suggests Jesus was familiar with city life, used urban images in his preaching and probably taught in two languages, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution said.

The same evidence also shows that ancient Galilee, the region in which Jesus taught, was a long way from the backwater that scholars once thought it was.

Instead, it was a cosmopolitan region dominated by two major cities, and influenced by classical Greek culture.

This new picture of Jesus and his region is emerging from six years of archaeological excavations at Sepphoris, the Roman capital of Galilee during the first century AD. The ruins of Sepphoris lie barely four miles north of Nazareth, the village in which Jesus grew up, according to the study.

"We certainly can say that the area was urbane, cosmopolitan, an area in which people spoke Greek and Aramaic," said Dr Eric Meyers, a professor at Duke University and co-director of one of the two excavations at the site.

Sepphoris was adjacent to a major trade route — "the I-40 of ancient Palestine," in Meyer's words — that linked the region with ports on the Mediterranean Sea.

The larger city probably dominated Nazareth economically and culturally, providing the village with a marketplace and law courts.

Despite its apparent importance to ancient Galilee, Sepphoris is not mentioned in the New Testament.

Both Meyers and Strange said they now believe Jesus also knew Greek and probably taught in it.

## 'Yacht briefly detained'

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from Bahrain to Kuwait.

The newspaper said the yacht's passengers included four Britons, five members of a Gulf Arab ruling family and the sons of two Arab public figures.

Gulf-based diplomatic sources said they believed the four Britons were air hostesses.

The diplomats also said the son of the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and the son of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein were aboard the yacht.

"The report is completely baseless," KUNA quoted the unidentified source as saying. "We have also no information about an alleged hijacking incident," the source added.

Al Anha said Iranian Navy ships on Thursday intercepted the 82-foot (24-m) yacht and escorted the blue and white vessel to Iran's Farsi island in the northern Gulf. The yacht was sailing

## Jews in US unhappy with Israeli politics

NEW YORK, March 27, (AP): Political maneuvering over "who is a Jew" in Israel has left a painful legacy in the US-Jewish community, where respondents to a survey said even West Bank Arabs are given fairer treatment than conservative and reform Jews.

The American Jewish committee study revealed support for

Israel as strong as ever, but it also showed that widespread discontent was sown when attempts were made to amend Israel's law of return to deny non-orthodox converts an automatic right to Israeli citizenship.

The study also provided new evidence of a growing activism among US Jews toward their spiritual homeland, according to

some observers. which more than 80 per cent of US Jews affiliated to a synagogue belong.

A majority, 54 per cent, of the survey said they had spoken critically of attempts to change the law.

A third said they would be less likely to make political or charitable contributions to Israel if the law is changed to exclude converts from reform and conservative Judaism, branches to

Jews to forcefully and pointedly disagree" on other issues involving Israel.

The attempt to define Jewishness provided an "emotional vent" to US Jews already concerned about Israel's response in the West Bank and Gaza, according to Genther Lawrence, a media consultant

## Escalate revolt

## Call for use of knives in uprising

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, March 27, (AP): Palestinian leaders called today for an escalation of the uprising against Israel, urging the use of "knives, axes, firebombs and large rocks" in the struggle for an independent homeland.

The pro-PLO leadership issued the call in a leaflet as Palestinians launched a general strike that shuttered shops and paralyzed public transport throughout the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was reported today to be ready to let Palestinians in the occupied territories hold local elections, a move the United States would support but PLO would oppose.

Hospital officials said Israeli troops shot and wounded at least six protesters in clashes, and Arab sources said Palestinian activists attacked two suspected informants, wounding the son of one of them.

"Let's escalate all kinds of uprising struggle, from knives, axes and firebombs to throwing large rocks from rooftops," the leaflet exhorted. "Our people will be like a rock."

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat has urged holding down the violence in apparent concern that international sympathy generated by the 15-month-old rebellion could be lost if weapons were used.

Last week, an Israeli intelligence report leaked to the media warned the revolt could become more violent if a political solution for the occupied territories was not found.

The leaflet also called for a Palestinian protest against US policy in the Middle East on April 6, the day Shamir meets with US President George Bush in Washington.

In the past, the leaflet also urged a Palestinian boycott of Israeli products.

The leaflet called on Palestinians to stop working in the "Zionist settlements."

Israeli troops shot dead a four-year-old Palestinian boy today during clashes with protesters in Beit Kad village near Jenin, hospital officials said.

They said Amjad Mustafa Nasser was shot in the chest and was dead on arrival at hospital.

In the Gaza Strip, the Army attempted to enforce calm by clamping curfews on eight towns, refugee camps and neighbourhoods in the occupied coastal region. The orders confined more than 260,000 residents to their homes.

It was the ninth day under curfew for the 57,000 people in the Shati camp and the Sheikh Radwan neighbourhood of Gaza city.

The independent newspaper Haaretz said Shamir, on a visit to Washington next week, would propose municipal elections in some parts of the West Bank and Gaza Strip to find leaders who would negotiate with Israel on "full autonomy."

Diplomats said the proposal would welcome more democracy in the territories, against the PLO which has vowed to boycott any poll under Israeli occupation.

## Cyprus to take new defence measures

NICOSIA, March 27, (AP): Cyprus announced new measures today to boost its defences in case of renewed fighting with Turkish troops occupying the northern third of the island.

Defence Minister Andreas Anofelis said the military, which already drafts school leavers for 26 months of service, would call

up men over 40 to be trained and armed to guard their own neighbourhoods.

"We feel threatened by a far superior military force," he said in an interview. Turkish troops invaded the island in 1974 after a short-lived coup in Nicosia engineered by the junta then ruling in Athens.

Anofelis said about 10,000 Greek Cypriots were under arms boosted by about 1,500 mainland Greek troops, many of them officers.

UN estimates put the Turkish force at some 30,000 men. UN peacekeepers patrol an 180-km (110-mile) buffer zone between ceasefire lines separating Greek and Turkish Cypriots.

The move was a major breakthrough in attempts to end the war in the south, which has been costing the faltering economy \$1 million daily.

The fighting has created a famine that has killed hundreds of thousands of southerners. The United Nations has mounted one of its biggest-ever relief efforts to the region, fearing that as many as 600,000 more people could die.

The peace agreement was signed on Nov. 16

by the centrist Democratic Unionist Party, then a partner in El-Mahdi's cabinet, and the SPLA.

Mahdi, describing Garang as a brother, urged him today to respond to government moves to end the civil war.

Mahdi, speaking in Parliament two days after his new coalition was sworn in, said he planned to suspend Islamic sharia punishments (hudud), one of the key demands of southern rebels.

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ing fighting around Jalalabad on Sunday, each side claiming minor successes against the other.

The guerrillas launched the offensive on March 5 in a bid to take the city which they chose as a possible base for the government-in-exile they formed last month.

## MIDEAST BRIEFS

### Rajavi's sister

NICOSIA, March 27, (AP): Mujahideen Khalid, Iran's main opposition group, claimed today that the sister of its leader, Massoud Rajavi, has been executed after torture in an Iranian prison.

Teheran had no immediate comment on the allegation, but its official media reported news arrests in the widespread crackdown on drug smuggling and addiction in the country.

### Faher visits Paris

PARIS, March 27, (KUNA): The Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister of the Sultanate of Oman, Prince Faher bin Taimur, starts today afternoon a five-day official visit to France at the invitation of the French Defense Minister, Jean-Pierre Chevénement. In addition to his talks with Chevénement and visits to French military camps in the suburb of Paris and in the south of France, the prince is scheduled to hold meetings with Prime Minister Michel Rocard and Foreign Minister Roland Dumas, the Defence Minister here said.

### Hurd in Bahrain

BAHRAYN, March 27, (Reuter): British Home Secretary Douglas Hurd today began a 10-day tour of Gulf states with talks in Bahrain on security co-operation and regional developments, the Gulf News Agency said. It said Hurd, who will also visit Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Oman, was received at the start of his two-day visit to Bahrain by Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa. Hurd is expected to seek Arab support in the war against terrorism and drug smuggling.

### Pak-Syria talks

DAMASCUS, March 27, (KUNA): Pakistan's Secretary of Defence Production Talal Massoud today held talks here with a number of Syrian Defence Ministry officials. Massoud last night met with Syrian Defence Minister Mustafa Tlass during which they discussed current situation in Middle East and issues of mutual interest, Radio Damascus reported today.

### Reserve militia

NICOSIA, March 27, (AP): The government announced today it plans to establish reserve armed militia units to confront the numerical superiority of the Turkish forces on the war-divided island. The militia will be made up of male Army reservists over 50 years old and medically fit men who were excused from compulsory military service, an official announcement said.



## KUWAIT...GULF

## Relief planes leave for South Yemen

Floods devastate Hadramaut

KUWAIT, March 27. (KUNA): Two Kuwaiti Air Force transport planes left here today for the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen carrying the first batch of relief materials ordered by His Highness the Amir.

The cargo includes tents, blankets, food and medicines in addition to other relief materials.

HH had ordered the assistance to victims of the recent torrential rains that hit that Arab country.

Meanwhile, a Reuter report adds: Heavy rains continued today to lash flood-devastated central South Yemen where thousands of houses have collapsed or been swept away according to the Aden News Agency.

The agency, contacted by telephone, said communications were still cut in Hadramaut province. South Yemen's biggest, where floods have inundated many thousands of acres of farmland.

It said a special committee, headed by Socialist Party Secretary-General Ali Salem Al Baidh, had been set up to try to send aid to the victims.

Tens of thousands of people are now homeless after a week of torrential rains in a normally arid



Air Force plane with relief supplies.

region of one of the world's poorest countries.

The agency said the floods swept away a government lorry carrying food to devastated areas. Aden Radio said almost 900 houses in Al Shahr town and 850 houses in the Sheban area had been damaged.

Marxist-ruled South Yemen has appealed for international aid to assist victims in the provinces of Hadramaut, Al Mahara and Ibyan and has thanked Saudi Arabia, North Yemen, the United Arab Emirates, the Soviet Union and the Arab League for providing help.

Premier to patronise festivities

## Kuwait Health Week

UNDER the patronage of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Kuwait will celebrate Health Week from April 1-7, with the theme "Let's Talk About Health."

Dr Hussein Al Momen, head of the festivities committee, has told reporters that activities would be staged in various areas of health, accompanied by lectures at different health centres intended to raise public health awareness.

He added that competitions would be part of the week's activities with prizes distributed among the winners. Contributions to the festivities are being planned by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, Kuwait Municipality, private companies and schools, Momen said.

## Applied education students strike

STUDENTS at Kuwait's Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (Electricity and Water Training Centre) went on strike Saturday as they claimed they had not been paid their monthly stipend for the past two months, according to a local daily.

## Petition

Ahmed Sherazi, a member of the Students' Council, said that all new students had not been paid these perks "although they had passed the whole

curriculum.

He added that the water has been cut off at the centre for the past two weeks and that although the students had submitted a petition in this regard to the deputy director-general of the authority, no positive action has been taken.

Jasem Abdurahim, the director of the centre, attributed the delay in payments to an administrative change. He added that the centre will shortly resolve the issue in co-operation with the authority.

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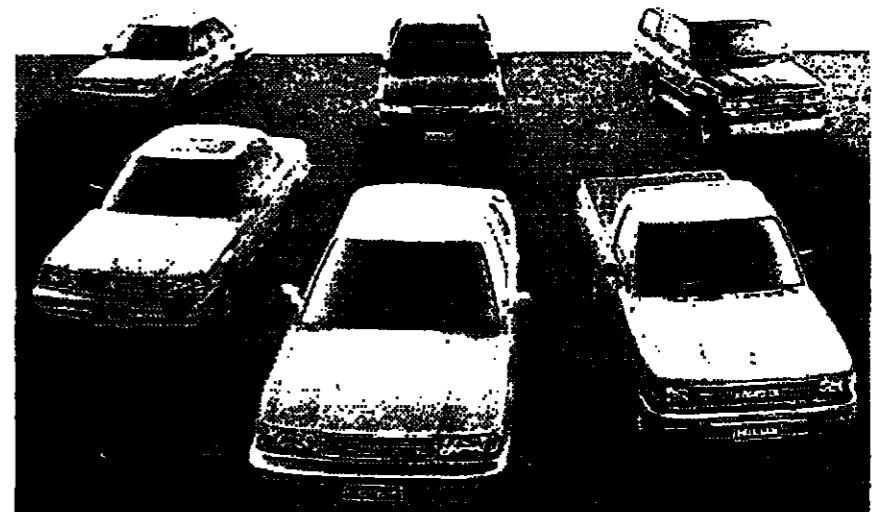
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## ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

THE heart is never neutral — Earl of Shaftesbury, English statesman (1621-1683).

## OPINION

## A good lesson for Israelis

THE Afghan people lost one million martyrs in their successful quest to drive the Soviets out of their country.

A superpower like the USSR with all its warlike might and destructive arsenal was ultimately compelled to withdraw from Afghanistan. Nevertheless, it was a withdrawal that complied with logic and pragmatism — basically because the invasion of Afghanistan by Soviet forces was wrong.

Many such examples of interferences ended with failure — the US intervention in Vietnam, and the Iranian intervention in Iraq, to name two. Many others will likewise end in failure and may lead to civil war, and perhaps even the downfall of regimes who advocate and participate in such interventions.

We say this to impress on Israel that it must realise that it is totally unjustified and wrong in trying to suppress the ongoing internal Palestinian revolution. Israel should learn from the many international experiences in this field.

Israel must heed the writing on the wall: "The revolution of stones in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip is developing, gaining momentum, receiving support and getting stronger."

The Afghan revolution started from small beginnings, but ended by forcing the downfall of a powerful system. This revolution produced one million martyrs. The Palestinian revolution looks to be on its way to produce one million martyrs as well — if it becomes necessary. This is because one would prefer death than to live under foreign occupation and inhuman living conditions.

The Kabul government and the Kremlin regime played down the strength of the Afghan revolution at first. But they had to kneel down in the end. They realised that it is absolutely futile to invade other countries. Under such circumstances, heroes are created, heroes who unify their countries in resisting the invaders. It is a good lesson, which perhaps Israel and others would like to benefit from.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

## Magic touch lost

By John Owen-Davies

ANKARA, (Reuter): Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, humiliated in municipal elections, appears to have lost the magic touch that once saw him riding a wave of popularity expounding bold ideas for modernising Turkey.

It became clear yesterday that his Motherland Party was no longer dominant and that the Ozal era, marked by economic liberalisation and a turning to the West, may be ending.

"He knew that the odds were against him in the poll and that the old magic was not working," a party member said.

The Motherland Party trailed two others in vote-counting from yesterday's national local polls, a key test of Ozal's popularity amid discontent over rampant inflation.

"Perhaps Ozal can leave office and politics even before an early (general) election," political columnist Gunesi Civangil wrote in Sabah newspaper, reflecting the mood of many Turks.

Ozal has achieved much since he came to power as a technocrat in 1983 Army-supervised elections after three years of military rule which crushed extremist violence and political mayhem.

"He has set in motion changes that are basically irreversible, especially on the financial side," said a Western diplomat.

But Ozal has lost his lustre. He showed little enthusiasm in campaigns for the local polls and his television addresses lacked their usual sparkle.

The Social Democrat populist party led in vote-counting with the centre-right True Path Party (DYP) second and Motherland trailing third.

Ozal seemed relaxed as he toured Ankara with his wife in their white Mercedes after polling, chatting to people in the street.

The stocky 61-year-old conservative, who applied in 1987 for full Turkish membership of the European Economic Community, described himself last year as a politician with gut instincts.

"I get a feeling in my stomach and I know it is right," he said.

But in voting for mayors and assemblies in 2,000 cities and towns on which he tacitly staked his career, his instincts appear to have failed him.

"Ever since his heart operation in 1987 he has appeared to lose some enthusiasm for centre-stage politics," a Motherland source said.

A brief respite came after Ozal, a workaholic who sleeps five hours a night, was shot in the hand in an assassination attempt last June.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1507 — Genoa, Italy, capitulates to France's King Louis XII.

1791 — Britain increases naval strength, fearing war with Russia over Black Sea port of Ochakov which was captured from the Turks.

1800 — Act of Union with England passes Ireland's parliament.

1801 — Peace of Florence between France and Naples, whereby British vessels are to be excluded from Neapolitan ports.

1854 — Britain declares war upon Russia.

1898 — First German naval bill, introduced by Alfred von Tirpitz, begins Germany's naval expansion.

1938 — Japan installs puppet government of Chinese republic in Nanking.

1939 — Madrid's surrender to General Francisco Franco ends Spanish civil war.

1945 — Germany's V-Rocket attacks on Britain end during World War II, United States invades Cebu in heart of Philippines.

1957 — Britain releases Archbishop Makarios who is free to travel except to Cyprus.

1962 — Syrian Army revolt fails; European secret army organisation in Algeria proclaims all-out guerrilla warfare against French forces.

1967 — UN Secretary-General U Thant proposes general truce in Vietnam, followed by peace talks, and the United States says it will go along.

1970 — Amsar sect supporters of Imam El Mahdi rebel in Sudan.

1974 — Mounting civil unrest virtually paralyses faltering government of Ethiopia's Emperor Haile Selassie.

1986 — Nicaragua sends truckloads of troops to area of heavy fighting near border with Honduras.

1988 — European legislators open conference in Zimbabwe, calling on Britain and United States to impose stricter economic sanctions against South Africa.



## Shamir's difficulties mount

US visit only a week away

By Ann Peters

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (UPI): With only a week left before he arrives in Washington for his first talk with the Bush administration, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has little time to find alternatives that will convince the Bush administration Israel can negotiate with someone other than the PLO.

To compound his problems, he is losing his united front in Israel and abroad against sitting down with Yasser Arafat's PLO, which is outlawed in the Jewish state, where officialdom considers it a terrorist organisation.

As Shamir gathered hundreds of world Jewish leaders last week for a well-orchestrated "solidarity-with-Israel" pep rally in Jerusalem, a top-level military intelligence analysis surfaced rejecting his tough opposition to the PLO.

The analysis said the very thing Shamir did not want to hear: that the shunned PLO had become moderate and inevitably would be part of any Middle East peace settlement.

With the United States, Israel's chief ally, talking to the PLO, and the Soviet Union entering the Middle East negotiating game, time may be running against Shamir. His tactic since re-election four months ago has

been to turn aside policy questions on the Palestinian issue by saying his now-not-so-new government is working on new peace initiatives.

Shamir's repetition of his "new ideas" theme — a rehash of the 11-year-old Camp David peace accords — have become almost comical, even to him.

"Of course I will take many initiatives (to Washington), many proposals, many ideas," Shamir recently told reporters, who recently broke out in laughter along with him at the well-worn phrases.

Shamir believes, however, that victories by his right-wing Likud Party in national and local elections over the last four months demonstrate Israeli support for his anti-PLO stance.

He has called peace activists supporting an independent Palestinian state extremely dangerous. Shamir thinks Israeli "border-on-on," the Jerusalem Post said in an editorial, when they voice "open dissent from his maximalist programme of no land whatever for peace, and no dialogue ever with any kind of PLO."

In an apparent attempt to show Shamir is not so intransigent, his aides say he met recently

with Palestinians in the territories, even though they are PLO sympathisers. Palestinians have called for an end to such talks, saying they give Shamir ammunition to keep fending off direct talks with the PLO.

But the reality of the changing Middle East scene is that Israel's closest ally — despite protests from Shamir's government — is talking with the PLO. And Shamir's partner in the shaky ruling coalition, Labour Party leader Shimon Peres, is once more talking about ideas for a settlement that Shamir might find difficult to swallow.

Peres is careful to explain that the Israeli government — at least for now — speaks with only one voice.

"I would like to allow Mr Shamir to travel to the United States under the most comfortable conditions possible," Peres said.

Perhaps Peres is waiting until Shamir returns to determine if the prime minister failed. Again showing political restraint, Peres and his aides brush off questions about whether Labour will pull out of the government if they perceive a stalemate in peace negotiations.

But hints abound, with Peres noting in a recent speech that he might have to re-evaluate the situation after Shamir returns.

## Fahd tries to heal Arab differences

By Jeffrey Bartholet

CAIRO, (Reuter): King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, on a rare trip outside the kingdom, appears to be pursuing a more active policy aimed at healing Arab schisms during a tour of the region that brought him to Cairo yesterday.

"The Saudis now want to come out of their cocoon ... this may be the start of active Saudi policy in the Arab world," said an Egyptian Foreign Ministry official.

"We consider them leaders because of their great economic power, but they didn't play a very active role before."

Giant wreaths and posters were prepared to welcome King Fahd to Cairo as a long-lost brother. His arrival from Baghdad was to be broadcast live over state television.

Fahd's three-day visit, the first by a Saudi king since the early 1970s, was seen by Cairo commentators as the symbolic end to an era in which Egypt was an outcast of the Arab world.

"Everyday there is new evidence that we are living the best years of our Arabism ... welcome to a new great stage in the history of the Arab nation," gushed Mahmoud Abdel-Moneim Murad, writing in Al Akhbar newspaper.

Salama Ahmed Salama, managing editor of Al Ahram, said King Fahd appeared concerned about the formation of two new Arab groups in addition to the existing Gulf Co-operation Council.

One new group joined Egypt, Jordan, Iraq and North Yemen and the other united North African Arab states.

"Fahd would like to see that the Arab world doesn't divide itself into three blocs," Salama said. "He wants to ensure that each of these entities does not split the Arab world again."

Despite Egypt's return to the Arab fold, a much-heralded Arab summit in Riyadh has yet to get off the ground, and some regional diplomats were sceptical that it would take place.

King Fahd has insisted on minimum co-operation between Syria and bitter rival Iraq, Egypt and the PLO before convening a regular summit.

Inner-Arab tension was expected to be a main topic of talks between King Fahd and President Hosni Mubarak, who were due to review the fighting in Lebanon, the Arab-Israeli peace process, economic co-operation and summit prospects.

The PLO, anxious to get Arab backing for its peace initiatives, wants an extraordinary summit in Morocco if Saudi Arabia fails to gain a consensus.

"Chairman Arafat still thinks we ought to hold one soon, if not in Riyadh then in Morocco," said Nabil Shaath, a Cairo-based adviser to PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

Fahd is due to travel to Tunis after Cairo, according to Egyptian papers. His Egypt visit comes two days after a mini-summit in the Suez canal town of Ismailia between Mubarak, Arafat and King Hussein of Jordan.

Arafat briefed his two allies on the outcome of PLO talks with the US ambassador in Tunis. The three leaders also reviewed a joint stand ahead of visits to the US by Mubarak, King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Mubarak was scheduled to accompany his royal guest on tours of Suez and Ismailia, and on a train ride to the Mediterranean port of Alexandria.

Egyptian officials hope the visit will promote further Saudi investment in Egypt, particularly in military industry.

Egypt has been negotiating with its former partners in the Arab Organisation for Industrialisation (AOI) to reunite the group, which broke up after Egypt made peace with Israel.

Saudi Arabia has been wary of rejoining the AOI, formed in Egypt with the United Arab Emirates and Qatar, due to changing economic conditions in the region, Egyptian officials said.



Fahd: active



A 1980 file picture of Italian seamen in Palermo, Sicily, holding the tail cone of the airliner shot down by a missile.

before ... from the very first inquiries it was absolutely clear that this plane was hit from the outside by an object that obviously could not have been a child's kite.

After the report was delivered, Defence Minister Valerio Zanone ordered an urgent inquiry inside the Air Force.

Zanone has repeatedly denied that Italy's forces could have caused the disaster and he says there is nothing to contradict denials by other NATO countries or Libya.

Zanone recently also suggested that Italy's radar might not have been able properly to see what was happening in the area.

But the report said surviving, partial radar records showed the profile of a fighter plane near the airliner. The experts were unable to conclude whether it was an aggressor or was being pursued.

Neither were they able to identify the origin of the missile, which exploded close to the front of the DC-9.

There are mysterious gaps in radar records of that night from two military bases at Marsala in Sicily and Licola in southern Italy.

At Marsala, automatic radar recording was turned off for eight minutes during the disaster. The manual plotting log has disappeared. At Licola, Galasso said, a similar log appeared to have been destroyed.

"We must establish the responsibility ... I do not believe Licola and Marsala were unable to record what happened ... We want to identify the whole range of responsibility for this tragedy."

He added: "I can't believe a fact of this type remained hidden inside the Air Force. The responsible politicians must have known ... otherwise they knew the truth was being kept from them."

Galasso said it was impossible that Italian authorities were unaware of what happened during the tragedy. "If they did not know it means our skies are a free zone, removed from national sovereignty where any kind of catastrophe can happen to civilian planes."

Galasso believes there are no surviving records of who shot down the plane. "Those who knew what happened must decide to talk ... They must be forced to talk."

He thinks the most plausible of the many theories about the accident is that the DC-9 was shot down in error by NATO or US fighters pursuing a Libyan MiG.

Wreckage of such a plane was found in the Sili mountains of southern Italy three weeks after the disaster, but doctors disagreed about whether the pilot had died shortly before or around the time of the DC-9 accident.

The new experts' report was based on examination of the DC-9's wreckage, raised from the seabed last year after pressure from President Francesco Cossiga.

It makes harrowing reading and it is easy to understand why it has fuelled the anger of relatives.

The last human sound on the flight recorder, the voice of one of the pilots, was first syllable of the Italian word for "look" it was followed quickly by the explosion.

## Ceausescu, under attack from East and West, faces isolation

By Colin McIntyre

VIENNA, (Reuter): Romania's communist leader Nicolae Ceausescu faces growing isolation, under attack abroad from both East and West and at home from former top party officials.

The ultra-orthodox Ceausescu, 71, has long had a reputation for running the harshest regime in the Soviet bloc.

Romanian-born playwright Eugene Ionesco described it last month as "a daily nightmare of severe poverty and rampant fear of the secret police."

But the chorus of protests grew to a roar last year when Ceausescu, who has led the country for 24 years, announced plans to eliminate half the country's villages and rehouse the population in new urban centres.

The main reason put forward by Ceausescu is to bring the standard of living of country people nearer that of townspeople by grouping them into larger units where facilities such as schools, and cultural and leisure centres could be provided.

In earlier versions of the scheme he

mentioned that it would also make 300,000 hectares (740,000 acres) of new farmland available, but that argument has since been dropped.

There have also been protests over

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Monitoring committee to meet

# OPEC to discuss oil output ceilings

VIENNA, March 27. (Reuter): Key OPEC ministers meet here this week in unusually calm circumstances.

For the first time in years the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries does not face bitter internal wrangling over production levels and today oil prices were at their highest since the global stock market crash in October, 1987.

Oil industry analysts say that when OPEC's monitoring committee convenes here on Wednesday ministers from Algeria, Nigeria, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela should be able to look ahead, freed from the sense of crisis that has dogged recent efforts to dictate world prices.

Thus, they say, the session could be a relatively low-key affair devoted to discussion of members' production ceilings for the second half of 1989, co-operation with non-OPEC exporters which have agreed to help the organisation support prices

through output restraint and prospects for an OPEC summit.

"We're not getting terribly excited (about the meeting), but looking for pointers that they might raise the quota (in the second half of the year)," said Jeremy Hudson, oil analyst at Shearson Lehman Hutton in London.

### Output

Last November all 13 OPEC members agreed an overall output ceiling of 18.5 million barrels per day for the first half of this year. After that session Iraq and Kuwait hinted they might be looking for a higher output quota after June.

Some analysts believe a raised production ceiling is on the cards after the strength of the oil market so far this year.

Oil prices jumped today in Tokyo. Britain's Brent blend crude, the most widely traded on world spot markets, went past \$19 a barrel for the first time since October, 1987.

Traders said they were boosted by news that a huge oil spill from a US tanker which ran aground on Friday had closed the Alaskan port of Valdez, terminus of the pipeline which carries oil from Alaska's North slope fields.

A cargo of Brent loading in May traded at \$19.25 today, up 40 cents from Friday's closing level and more than \$3 up on the beginning of 1989.

European spot markets have been closed since Thursday for the Easter holiday and are not due to reopen until tomorrow. Trading, however, was resuming in the US today.

Oil prices have also been helped this year by OPEC output cuts of some 3.5 million barrels per day (BPD) to around 19.5 million, healthy consumer demand and cuts in exports by non-OPEC producers of some 291,000 BPD in second-quarter 1989.

Analysts believe that barring excessive

OPEC overproduction prices could stay firm in the second half of 1989, as current demand for OPEC oil of 18.5 to 19.5 million BPD may rise to between 20 and 21 million.

"OPEC should increase the quota in June otherwise the gap (between quotas and demand) will be filled by output beyond the ceiling," said Geoff Pyne, analyst at UBS-Philips and Drew.

Alternatively OPEC might decide to raise its \$18 a barrel reference price target if markets stay strong. OPEC Secretary-General Subroto of Indonesia said last week.

"The (June) conference will decide whether it will keep the \$18 or whether they want to change the production ceiling," he told reporters.

Analysts say higher quotas would help move the problem of United Arab Emirates overproduction nearer to solution.

## Amman faces financial crisis

# Jordan to seek IMF standby credit: Shukri

AMMAN, March 27. (Reuter): Jordan, caught in a financial bind, is set to ask the IMF for a standby credit help with debt rescheduling when formal talks open tomorrow.

Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifai says the kingdom has already moved to reform its economy and will resist any attempt by the International Monetary Fund to impose conditions.

"The government has taken all the corrective measures needed to restructure the Jordanian economy," he said last week.

Finance Minister Hana Odeh will lead the Jordanian side in tomorrow's talks, which follow 10 days of preparatory work by an IMF team, no details of the fund's views have emerged.

Rifai said Jordan was seeking an accord within two weeks on rescheduling the debt, which he has put at \$6 billion.

Central Bank Deputy Governor Maher Shukri has estimated debt servicing at about \$1.2 billion.

### Payments

Jordan is rolling over principal payments on its commercial debt, which bankers say is less than \$700 million, and has fallen into arrears on some military and bilateral debt.

Shukri has said Jordan will ask the IMF for a standby credit. The government also had preliminary talks with a World Bank mission last month on a structural adjustment loan.

Bankers say Amman needs the IMF's blessing for its economic programme before it can approach the Paris Club of major Western creditor nations to reschedule their share of the debt.



Zeid Al Rifai

Spurred by a critical shortage of foreign currency, the government has already taken action often recommended by the IMF. It has devalued the dinar, curbed imports and cut spending.

However, to cushion the impact of austerity, it has pledged to hold basic food prices stable this year with subsidies expected to cost about 60 million dinars (\$111 million).

### Industries

Rifai has blamed the cash crunch on Arab oil states for failing to pay in full an annual grant of \$1.25 billion promised to Jordan as a frontline state against Israel in 1978.

He says successive governments borrowed and spent on development projects and military purchases during the 10-year agreement which ended last year, assuming the aid would arrive.

## Dollar and Tokyo stocks rise

### Gold gains

TOKYO, March 27. (Reuter): The US dollar jumped above the 132 yen mark against the Japanese yen in Tokyo for the first time since last October, triggering a slight fall in share prices on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, dealers said.

In crude oil trading, prices soared above the \$19 level in Tokyo for the first time in 18 months on news that a supertanker oil spill closed the major Alaskan port of Valdez, which also serves as a pipeline terminus.

A cargo of the key Brent blend crude oil loading in May traded at \$19.25 on the Tokyo spot market, up 40 cents from Friday's closing level, industry sources said.

Japanese investment trusts and overseas traders bought the

dollar to push it to the closing price of 132.30 yen and 1.8765 West German marks against New York's Friday close of 131.30 yen and 1.8745 marks.

It was the dollar's highest level against the yen since October 7 last year.

But trading was relatively thin with Tokyo currency dealers reluctant to take fresh positions until European traders returned from the Easter holidays.

Share prices fell after the dollar's rise encouraged some profit-taking, brokers said. Today was the last day of trade for March delivery and investors were generally sidelined, they said.

The dollar breaking through 132 yen exaggerated the wait-

and-see mood already hanging over the market, said Toranobu Sugai, a trader at Shearson Lehman Hutton Asia Inc.

The Nikkei index lost 56.12 points, or 0.18 per cent, to end at 31,512.40, near the low of 31,505.20.

Prices were firm most of the day mainly due to heavy buying on shares related to index futures.

The Australian and Hong Kong stock markets were closed because of the Easter holidays.

Gold prices moved marginally higher to about \$392.50 an ounce, up from Friday's New York close of \$392.00.

In New York, the stock market was mixed today against a background of confusion about the US economic outlook.

**'Cost of laughing' index jumps**

SANTA CRUZ, California, March 27. (UPI): A annual tongue-in-cheek "cost of laughing" index jumped 5 per cent during the past year, meaning "we're paying more to laugh less," a humour consultant reports.

A "saucy secretary" singing telegram by Eastern Onion in New York jumped from \$55 to \$65 while the wholesale price of rubber chickens remained steady at \$48 a dozen, reports Malcolm Kushner, an attorney who turned humour consultant.

Kushner said he uses a survey of 18 humour indicators to determine the index, including admission to 10 comedy clubs in selected cities and the wholesale price of rubber chickens, crooked glasses and arrow-through-the-head gag.

A 5 per cent increase, said Kushner, is no joke. "Adjusted for inflation, it means we're paying more to laugh less."

Kushner is a Santa Cruz-based humour consultant to such corporate clients as IBM, Hewlett-Packard, Lockheed and the Internal Revenue Service and gives advice on how to use levity as a management tool.

"Whether or not you think the world needs a humour consultant, you can definitely use one less attorney," he said.

The yearly cost of laughing index, he said, was developed several years ago to track how the punch line affects the bottom line and is issued in time for April Fool's Day.

"This year's index has some good news and some bad news," said Kushner. "The good news is rubber chicken prices have stabilised after jumping 23 per cent between 1986 and 1988. The bad news is they're still too expensive to come home to roost."

## Qatar announces \$1.5b deficit budget

DOHA, Qatar, March 27. (AP): Qatar announced today a new budget with a \$1.5 billion deficit and established a new fiscal year starting April 1, abolishing its previous budget practices based on the variable Islamic calendar year.

The Amiri decree with the budget announcement, distributed by the Qatar News Agency, set expenditures at 11.48 billion riyals (\$3.1 billion) and projected revenues at 5.83 billion riyals (\$1.6 billion), leaving a deficit of 5.65 billion riyals (\$1.5 billion).

The agency said this reflected a retrenchment of the expenditures by 7.7 per cent from 12.44 billion riyals (\$3.4 billion) under the national budget which expired in January.

Last year's budget included a 6.1-billion riyal (\$1.67 billion) deficit.

### Spending

Finance and Petroleum Minister Sheikh Abdul Aziz Bin Khalifa Al Thani told QNA that the government would continue to streamline its expenditure and that government agencies were requested to operate within their budgets to help the government maintain control over its spending.

Qatar, like other oil-exporting nations, has been suffering budget deficits for about six years and since oil prices began to sag in the early 1980s.

Sheikh Abdul Aziz said that oil revenues account for the bulk of government earnings and the facts of the oil market had to be taken into consideration since "it is not expected that there will be radical changes in the economic condition (of the oil markets) in the coming year."

QNA's dispatch did not indicate how Qatar expected to cover its budget deficit.

## 'IMF plans in Africa have failed'

ADDIS ABABA, March 27. (Reuter): Africa should devise alternatives to the harsh International Monetary Fund cures for the continent's economic ills, Adebajo Adedeji, head of the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), said today.

Adedeji said in a speech that about 30 African countries had implemented structural adjustment programmes along guidelines recommended by the IMF and World Bank since the mid-1970s but none had been successful.

"The countries which undertook the reform programmes did not register any remarkable improvement because of the programmes' very narrow scope in the treatment of the issue of development in Africa," he said.

"The monetarist approach of the World Bank and IMF programmes, their insensitivity to social, cultural and political realities in Africa as well as their adverse effects on the majority of the population, especially the poor and the vulnerable, have created widespread dissatisfaction," he added.

Opening a meeting of economic experts to prepare for the annual ministerial conference of the ECA in Addis Ababa from April 6-10, Adedeji called on African governments to devise an alternative framework for structural adjustments.

## New immigration law

Some 2,000 workers waiting to go on board a chartered Thai train for Thailand at the railway station in Singapore yesterday. Under Singapore's new immigration law, overstayers and illegal aliens can be caned as well as jailed. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Eastern begins training class for pilots

MIAMI, March 27. (UPI): Eastern Airlines began a six-week training class today for newly hired pilots to replace the company's union pilots who have refused to cross picket lines set up by striking machinists.

Also today, US District Judge Edward Davis met with lawyers from both the company and the pilots union, and scheduled hearings for Thursday on Eastern's request for a court order to force its absentee pilots back to work.

Davis earlier had refused Eastern's request but he was ordered to reconsider his decision on Friday by a three-judge appeals court panel. The panel ordered Davis to hold hearings to investigate Eastern's claim that the walkout by pilots constitutes an illegal strike.

ALPA said passenger loads averaged between 20 to 30 on Thursday and from 25 to 35 Friday. The union said "many" flights on Thursday carried only three or four passengers, and others took off Friday with no passengers or were cancelled.

"Eastern is losing \$2,000 per

flight, which means it would be

cheaper for the company to buy

their customers tickets on the

Pan Am shuttle and keep their

aircraft grounded," the pilots chided.

The Air Line Pilots Association

issued a statement on Saturday

saying its observers had

reported extremely light loads on

the shuttle flights during the

latter part of the week, although

Eastern's weekend is traditionally

busier.

The sale is still in jeopardy and

Eastern is courting other poten-

tial buyers.



\$20m bank scandal

Alexandros Akrivakis, president of the state-owned Olympic Airways, is hustled through an agitated crowd of his supporters on his way to testify before the public magistrate yesterday in Athens. Akrivakis is charged with breach of faith in connection with a \$20 million bank scandal at the Bank of Crete. The heads of three other state companies have been sent to jail this month on similar charges. (Reuter wirephoto)

## India tough on Nepal trade in signal to neighbours

NEW DELHI, March 27. (Reuter): India is baulking against renewing its two most vital trade treaties with Nepal in a clear signal to its neighbours that they must be prepared to reciprocate if they want favours.

The Indian government last Thursday closed 13 of the 15 transit points, through which landlocked Nepal conducts the bulk of its trade, on the expiry of 10-year-old trade and transit treaties.

Nepal has lost its favoured treatment under the treaties, although the flow of people across the border is unaffected. Petrol is already rationed in the mountainous kingdom.

That issue is at the heart of the dispute with Nepal.

On the surface, India demands unification of the trade and transit pact to correct what it calls a one-sided arrangement.

Nepal wants them kept separate, arguing that access to seaports for landlocked nations should be a permanent right.

But the deeper conflict between the two countries is Nepal's growing closeness with China.

highlighted by Kathmandu's recent purchases of Chinese weapons, the diplomats said.

The new approach is part of a review of India's South Asia policy. It is aimed at making Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi look tough in dealing with neighbours in a year when he must call general elections, diplomatic sources said.

The main relationship in the region is between India and Pakistan, which have fought three wars since they became independent of Britain in 1947.

Rajiv must look particularly strong against Muslim-majority Pakistan to win the electoral support of India's overwhelmingly Hindu population, the diplomats said.

New Delhi clearly wants Kathmandu to put its relations with India first.

## Al Zamil Aluminium signs technology agreement

AL ZAMIL Aluminium has announced the signing of an exclusive technology agreement to manufacture specialised architectural products under technical licence from Construction Specialities International Inc., of the United States.

"The agreement marks the first occasion on which high technology aluminium systems for the construction sector will be available from a source in the Middle East," says Sulaiman Al Zamil, Managing Director of Al Zamil Aluminium.

"These sophisticated architectural systems are increasingly specified for projects in this region."

"There are only a few manufacturers of these products in the world, probably one of the best known is Construction Specialities International."

## Poles ask if round table talks will fill shop shelves

WARSAW, March 27. (Reuter): "Are they still talking? They've been at it for six weeks — isn't it time they got somewhere?" a Polish cleaning woman grumbled.

After more than six weeks of bargaining at "round table" talks, the Polish government and the banned Solidarity trade union say they are on the verge of an historic agreement.

They have almost completed a deal which they hope to sign on April 3, to introduce broad political and social reforms to help set Poland on the road to democracy and economic recovery.

But ordinary Poles are left wondering — will the deal fill the bare shop shelves and ease inflation?

"It's a joke. So what, if they shake hands and sign this or that agreement? Life will go on just the same, in fact it will probably get worse," a Warsaw engineer complained.

### Moves

According to street interviews by Reuters, most Poles welcome moves towards parliamentary democracy but economic issues are far from the yardstick for success at the talks.

"Legalising Solidarity would be very important. Also, the Communist Party is offering the opposition a share of power, which is something very big for them. But what happens may depend on the economy," an archaeologist in his thirties said.

The government has agreed to legalise Solidarity after a seven-year ban, liberalise elections to allow the opposition to compete for 35 per cent of seats in parliament, and create a democratically-elected Senate.

The scheme goes beyond a recent US debt initiative launched by Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady which is reticent on the idea of the multilateral financial institutions guaranteeing debt reduction.

Although Mitterrand did not comment directly on the Brady proposals, he said he hoped that with so many initiatives now on the table, it would be possible to work out a compromise.

"I hope we will be able to get a convergence of the points of view of the major creditor nations. I will be working for that," said Mitterrand.

### Solution

French Finance Minister Pierre Bérégovoy said the world was at a crossroads. "Either we find innovative solutions together ... or violence will threaten the progress of democracy."

He said the industrial nations, which last year agreed help for poor countries of sub-Saharan Africa, should in Paris in July find a solution for the middle-income debtors, especially in Latin America.

## Mitterrand calls for debt agreement at July summit

PARIS, March 27. (Reuter): France called yesterday for a definitive agreement on easing the Third World's \$1.3-trillion debt at a summit of industrial nations in Paris in July.

Addressing Latin American finance ministers, President François Mitterrand said he would push for a debt-reduction agreement among the Group of Seven Western nations when he hosts their annual summit on July 14 to 16.

"I will be requesting that this problem be treated as a priority... the important thing is that we get an accord on the principle of debt reduction, especially the problem of interest," he said.

Mitterrand, who was speaking after a symposium for Latin American finance ministers, detailed the initiative he first announced last September on a new agency to guarantee reduction schemes for Third World countries.

He said the agency should be funded by an issue of Special Drawing Rights (SDRS), a unit of account of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) which is pegged to a basket of currencies.

The Socialist President said funding should be provided by industrial nations, and complemented by resources from the

and a powerful president.

But for many, a failure at the talks to make substantial progress on solving economic problems overshadows all else.

Solidarity has proposed an indexation system under which wages would rise automatically with prices. The government is reluctantly accepted the idea in principle but the two sides have been unable to work out details of how it would work.

"The economy is the bottom line. The Senate and the presidency just mean more costs and no real benefits. How much will it cost to support 100 senators?" a retired lawyer said.

"It will be like the old parliament before the war — a grandfather you listen to, but don't take seriously," he said.

Many Poles are apathetic and distrustful after years of hardship, unfulfilled political promises, the suppression of Solidarity under martial law in 1981 and the crushing of every liberalisation bid since communist rule began in 1944.

"I don't pin much hope on the 'round table' talks simply because I've lived under this system for 40 years," a doctor in his sixties said.

"I have two small children and I may have to go abroad for a couple of years so that my family can just live above subsistence level. I have no choice. No round table will change that," a 29-year-old engineer said.

The government, prompted to enter into the talks by pro-Solidarity strikes last summer, hopes a deal with the union will reduce the threat of labour unrest. People have their doubts.

## NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY	53/4	53/4	MOTOROLA	39/7	39/7	SEAGULL EN	0	17/1
GEM DYNMCS	53/4	53/4	MURPHY OIL	55/2	55/2	SEAL'D AIR	45/4	45/2		
GEM ELECT	43/7	43/7	MURPHY OIL	35/0	35/0	SEARS RDE	42/2	42/2		
GEM HOST	8/4	8/4	NAT INTERG	17/1	17/2	SERV CORP	18/0	18/0		
GEM HOUSR	10/7	11/0	NCR CORP	54/2	53/6	SHRSH HUTT	19/5	19/6		
GEM INSTR	27/6	27/5	NEW ENG EL	22/5	22/5	SHELL TRAN	41/0	41/2		
GEM MILLS	57/7	57/6	NEW PLA RE	15/4	15/4	SHER PLOW	61/4	62/2		
GEM MOTORS	82/5	82/7	NEWMO NT	38/0	37/6	SMITH BEC	53/0	53/2		
GEM SIGNAL	49/2	49/2	NEWMO NT	35/3	35/3	SNAP ON TL	35/5	35/7		
GEMCORP	18/0	18/0	NEWMO NT	58/0	58/0	SOURCE CAP	37/6	37/7		
GENETECH	19/0	19/1	NEWMO NT	10/3	10/3	SOUTHERN	23/2	23/2		
GENETECH	36/2	36/1	NEWMO NT	30/3	30/5	SUN FUND	11/5	11/4		
GENUINE PA	0	1/4	NEWMO NT	22/5	22/5	SPERRY	0	10/4		
GEPA PM7-80	0	75/4	NEWMO NT	11/4	11/3	SQUARE D	52/4	52/5		
GEPAF LAB	5/0	5/1	NEWMO NT	12/1	12/1	SOUTIB				
GEPAF LAB	49/5	49/6	NEWMO NT	26/6	27/0	STONE CONT	29/5	29/5		
GEPAF LAB	16/3	16/3	NEWMO NT	45/5	45/6	SUN CO	34/3	34/5		
GEPAF LAB	41/1	41/4	NEWMO NT	41/2	41/3	SUNDSTRAND	54/6	54/5		
GEPAF LAB	24/3	24/3	NEWMO NT	47/4	47/3	SUNSH MIN	3/4	3/4		
GEPAF LAB	39/4	39/5	NEWMO NT	52/3	52/2	SUPER VAL	23/1	23/0		
GEPAF LAB	0	82/0	NEWMO NT	1/1	1/0	SOUTHWEST	25/7	25/7		
GEPAF LAB	0	30/2	NEWMO NT	26/4	26/4	SM GAS	17/4	17/4		
GEPAF LAB	26/0	26/0	NEWMO NT	0	0	SM BELL	43/7	44/1		
GEPAF LAB	20/4	20/4	NEWMO NT	17/1	17/3	TECO ENERG	22/6	22/5		
GEPAF LAB	50/5	50/5	NEWMO NT	20/0	20/0	TEKTRONIX	20/6	21/0		
GEPAF LAB	15/7	16/0	NEWMO NT	24/5	24/5	TELEDRY	34/7/2	34/7/6		
GEPAF LAB	34/4	34/6	NEWMO NT	51/6	51/6	TELEPHONIC	23/3	23/3		
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GEPAF LAB	0	30/1	NEWMO NT	15/1	15/1					
GEPAF LAB	0	30/2	NEWMO NT	17/7	17/7					
GEPAF LAB	0	31/3	NEWMO NT	20/7	20/7					
GEPAF LAB	80/1	80/1	NEWMO NT	21/3	21/3					
GEPAF LAB	41/1	41/4	NEWMO NT	27/2	27/3					
GEPAF LAB	0	14/4	NEWMO NT	30/3	30/3					
GEPAF LAB	56/1	56/1	NEWMO NT	34/6	34/6					
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GEPAF LAB	23/3	23/3	NEWMO NT	42/1	42/2					
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GEPAF LAB	43/7	43/7	NEWMO NT	46/9	46/10					
GEPAF LAB	39/7	39/7	NEWMO NT	47/6	47/7					
GEPAF LAB	22/5	22/5	NEWMO NT	48/3	48/4					
GEPAF LAB	6/3	6/3	NEWMO NT	49/0	49/1					
GEPAF LAB	6/4	6/5	NEWMO NT	49/7	49/8					
GEPAF LAB	42/0	42/0	NEWMO NT	50/4	50/5					
GEPAF LAB	8/5	8/6	NEWMO NT	51/1	51/2					
GEPAF LAB	56/6	56/6	NEWMO NT	51/8	51/9					
GEPAF LAB	27/4	27/5	NEWMO NT	52/5	52/6					
GEPAF LAB	0	47/4	NEWMO NT	53/2	53/3					
GEPAF LAB	27/3	27/1	NEWMO NT	54/9	54/10					
GEPAF LAB	18/4	18/5	NEWMO NT	55/6	55/7					
GEPAF LAB	0	30/7	NEWMO NT	56/3	56/4					
GEPAF LAB	31/0	30/7	NEWMO NT	57/0	57/1					
GEPAF LAB	0	31/7	NEWMO NT	57/7	57/8					
GEPAF LAB	0	32/7								

## WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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## Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LON 12-3/4 1/2	12-15/16 7/8	13 12-15/16
FFT 4.50/70	6.10/20	6.50/60
PAR 8-7/16 9/16	8-1/2 5/8	8-13/16 15/16
ZUR 4-5/8 4-7/8	5-1/4 5-1/2	5-1/2 5-3/4
BRX 8.60	8.00 1/16	8-5/16 3/8
RON 12-5/8 13-1/8	12-1/2 13	12-3/4 13-1/4
AMS 6.43/56	6.48/58	6.70/80
TOK 4.3/52 5/52	4.29/52 31/32	4.24/52 26/32
ECU 8.12 8.37	8.31 8.43	8.68 8.81

## Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	9-1/8	9-5/8
3 months	9-1/8	9-5/8
6 months	9-3/16	9-11/16
1 year	9-3/16	9-11/16

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KUWAIT, March 27. (KUNA): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

## JOR LEASING CORP.

JOR LIN BRICK 0.79 0.83  
JOR MANAD/CONSULT 0.22 0.22  
JOR NATIONAL BANK 2.50 2.48  
JOR PAPER CARDBRDG 3.75 3.60  
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS 3.50 3.50

OPNG	CLOS	JOR PIPE MANUFAC	1.79	1.78
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.91 1.91	JOR PIPES MANUFAC	1.79	1.78
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.96 1.95	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.40
ARAB BANK	143.5 145.0	JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.96	1.01
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	4.62 4.60	JOR SECURIT CORP	1.12 1.11	1.11
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.44 2.41	JOR SELPHI CHEM.	2.73 2.77	2.77
ARAB INSURANCE	1.05 1.06	JOR WORSTED MLL	5.60 5.40	5.40
ARAB INT-INV/TRAD.	0.54 0.51	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	2.02 2.02	2.02
ARAB INT-UNION INS	1.25 1.23	JOR WOOL INDUSTRY	5.60 5.40	5.40
ARAB INTER-HOTELS	0.93 0.93	JOR WORSTED MLL	5.60 5.40	5.40
ARAB INV/ST/BK	2.35 2.30	JOR. KUWAIT AGR	0.93 0.94	0.94
ARAB PAPER COM/TRD	0.45 0.43	JOR. PETROLEUM REF	7.90 7.92	7.92
ARAB PHARMA-NAF	2.99 3.00	JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.45 5.45	5.45
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65 1.65	JORDAN GULF REAL	0.57 0.57	0.57
BANK OF JORDAN	15.30 15.30	JORDAN DAIRY	0.97 0.98	0.98
BEIT AL-HAL/BEITNA	1.00 1.00	JORDAN GULF BANK	1.29 1.28	1.28
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00 0.95	JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94 0.94	0.94
CAIRO ARMAN BANK	31.00 EC	JORDAN INSURANCE	3.40 3.34	3.34
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05 1.25	JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK	2.04 2.02	2.02
DAR AL SHAA PRESS	0.53 0.53	JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.62 1.62	1.62
DAR ALDAHA DV/INV.	2.35 2.36	JORDAN LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.74 0.75	0.75
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.80 0.80	JORDAN MACH/EQU/RENT/MAIN	0.79 0.79	0.79
FINANCE/CREDIT/CO	0.75 0.71	JORDAN MINES	0.69 0.73	0.73
GENERAL INSURANCE	4.60 4.60	JORDAN MID EAST EXCHANGE	1.17 1.11	1.11
GENERAL INVESTMENT	2.39 2.63	JIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.80 0.76	0.76
GENERAL MINING	1.35 1.27	JIDDLE EAST HOTEL	1.98 1.98	1.98
HIMMEN MINERALS	2.20 2.10	JMINERALS RESEARCH	0.74 0.74	0.74
HOLY LAND INC.	0.75 0.75	JNAT.FIN.INVEST CO	2.01 2.01	2.01
IND./MATCH JENCO	0.70 0.70	JNAT/CABEL/WIRE/MF	1.81 1.81	1.81
INDSTR DEVPLY BNK	1.60 1.60	JNATIONAL ARLIA INS	1.28 1.22	1.22
INDSTR/COM/AGR.	1.60 1.63	JNATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.99 0.97	0.97
INTERN.COM/INV	0.13 0.13	JNATIONAL STEEL	2.76 2.76	2.76
IRIBID ELECTRICITY	0.90 0.90	JNATIONAL DRY BATTERY	0.25 0.28	0.28
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64 0.64	JPETRA BANK	2.60 2.55	2.55
INTERMED/PETRICH	1.75 1.75	JPETRA JOR.INS.	0.35 0.35	0.35
J-TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79 0.80	JPHILADELPHIA INS.	1.10 1.11	1.11
GERUSALIM INS.	1.26 1.29	JPRECAST CONCRETE	0.65 0.65	0.65
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	20.00 EB	JRAFIA INDUSTRIAL	1.82 1.91	1.91
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.97 1.95	JREAL ESTATE INV.	0.67 0.66	0.66
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05 25.05	JSHIPPING LINES	1.08 1.08	1.08
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.53 1.50	JTHE HOUSING BANK	1.88 1.89	1.89
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20 1.22	JUNITED INSURANCE	1.16 1.16	1.16
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.00 1.00	JUNIVERSAL CHEM.IND	3.17 3.17	3.17
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30 2.30	JUNIVERSAL INS.	0.65 0.68	0.68
JOR INDUSTRY CREW.	2.30 2.33	JWOOLEN INDUSTRIES	1.00 1.00	1.00
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20 1.20	JYARNOUK INSURANCE	1.35 1.30	1.30

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-COMMERCIAL BK	0.265	0.265	0.260	0.260	340000	12
-AHLI BANK	0.285	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-K.B.M.E.	0.000	0.310	0.310	0.310	180000	7
-K.R.E.B.	0.330	0.320	0.320	0.320	10000	1
-BUREAU BANK	0.260	0.260	0.260	0.260	90000	4
-K.F.HOUSE	0.425	0.420	0.420	0.420	90000	5
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-THE HOUSING BANK	1.88	1.88	1.88	1.88	-----	-----
-UNITED INSURANCE	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	-----	-----
-UNIVERSAL CHEM.IND	3.17	3.17	3.17	3.17	-----	-----
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# Brady's debt plan to face first big test

WASHINGTON, March 27. (AP): The US government's plan to relieve the staggering Third World debt burden faces its first big test this week when Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady tries to sell the proposal to finance ministers from around the world.

The sales talk will come at the spring meeting of the 151-nation International Monetary Fund and World Bank. The two major lending organisations, and at a separate strategy session attended by officials from the seven largest industrial countries.

The sessions should be lively. Already, the Brady plan is being viewed as a crucial watershed for the 7-year debt crisis, which has at various times threatened financial calamity for major US banks and turned Latin America into a political time bomb as struggling democracies in the region tried to cope with growing debt

repayments.

The Brady plan, as the new initiative is being called, seeks to encourage commercial banks to voluntarily forgive part of the \$1.3 trillion in debt owed by poor countries in return for guarantees backed by the IMF and World Bank that the remaining pool of debt will be repaid.

The new administration received high marks for abandoning what many considered to be the failed policies of the administration of President Ronald Reagan, which repeatedly refused to endorse any broad-scale effort at debt forgiveness.

But critics, including many of the largest debtor countries, complain that the Brady proposal does not go far enough, especially in view of the economic and political pressures building in much of Latin America.

Riots in Venezuela last month left more

than 300 people dead after the government announced a new austerity programme implemented to please the IMF and other creditors who hold \$33 billion of that country's debt.

The administration of President George Bush is hoping to come out of the IMF and World Bank session with a general endorsement of the principles of the new debt approach when the meetings wrap up on Tuesday. But many of the debtor countries are pushing for quick debt relief to accompany the rhetoric.

#### Observers

Venezuela's President Carlos Andres Perez has termed the Brady proposals "very timid" and officials in that country are already saying they may have to defer debt repayments if they don't get help soon. Similar warnings have come from Mexico.

#### Stock-trading scandal widens

## Ex-NTT chairman charged with bribery

TOKYO, March 27. (AP): Prosecutors today filed bribery charges against the former chairman of Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp., Japan's telecommunications giant and the world's most highly valued company, in Japan's widening stock-trading scandal.

Hisashi Shinto violated laws prohibiting NTT workers from receiving money and valuables in exchange for favours, the Tokyo district public prosecutors office said today.

The bribery charge against the powerful industrialist, who has close ties to influential politicians, means the investigation into the shares-for-influence affair will likely be extended to politicians.

Prosecutors also filed bribery charges against Hiromasa Ezoe, an executive who masterminded the information-pedaling affair, and Hiroshi Kobayashi, his aide, for bribing Shinto.

Ezoe is the former chairman of the information conglomerate Recruit Co., whose real estate subsidiary Recruit-Cosmos Co. offered its shares at bargain prices to influential politicians and businessmen. Kobayashi was former president of First Finance Co., a Recruit subsidiary, involved in financing the transactions.

The charges were filed after the Tokyo Stock Exchange ended trading today, but the share price of NTT, once considered the

bluest of blue chip shares in the lucrative Tokyo Stock Exchange with its total estimated at 10.5 billion yen, plummeted to an all-time low.

**Charges**  
NTT closed today at 1.53 million yen (\$11,680) a share in anticipation of the charges, dealers said. Its previous low was 1.56 million yen (\$12,060) marked last Wednesday.

Ezoe and Kobayashi sold Shinto 10,000 unlisted Recruit-Cosmos shares in 1986 at artificially low prices shortly before the stock was listed on the public market. The share price shot up immediately after listing and Shinto earned about 22 million yen (\$168,000) in profits.

Shinto at first denied knowledge of the stock deal, but, when caught lying to the press, later admitted his involvement. Shinto stepped down as the first chairman of the former government-owned telecommunications monopoly.

In arresting and pressing charges against Shinto and 11 others for bribery since late February, prosecutors cited the 1987 Supreme Court decision that dealing in stocks certain to rise in value and difficult for the general public to obtain can amount to bribery.

Prosecutors maintain Shinto provided Recruit with various favours, including helping Recruit expand its telecommunications business in return for the

#### More fruit cleared for import

WASHINGTON, March 27. (AP): The Food and Drug Administration has cleared the way for more Chilean fruit — apples, peaches and plums — to be sold to US markets after they are inspected for evidence of cyanide poisoning.

The FDA action came on Friday, import restrictions were lifted on pears and nectarines from Chile on Tuesday, and on grapes and berries on March 17, allowing the fruit to be released for sale after five per cent of each shipment is inspected and found free from cyanide.

Grapes, which constitute 70 percent of the fruit Chile sends to the United States, began appearing on produce shelves of US stores this week after a two-week absence due to the cyanide-poisoning scare.

More than one million cases of

grapes and various types of berries have been inspected at US docks and airports and sent to retailers since the hold on those fruits was lifted, the FDA said.

Food graders should begin inspecting Chilean apples, peaches and plums by the weekend, an FDA spokesman said.

"The public should be reassured that the government has kept everyone informed and has moved promptly both to protect the public health and to restore to the marketplace a healthy component of the balanced diet that we recommend," said FDA commissioner Frank Young.

Chile also exports melons to the United States at this time of the year, but FDA spokesman William Grigg said, "It is not clear whether they will be returned to the (US) market or not, this season."

## ACC plans to set up single flight zone

CAIRO, March 27. (KUNA): Board chairmen of national airlines of the four-member Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) states decided in their final meeting last night to establish a single flight zone.

Most observers believe the United States must come up with concrete results quickly. At least with new initiatives for Mexico and Venezuela, or risk more turmoil because of dashed expectations.

"It is important that debtor nations not get their expectations too high. The Brady proposal represents measured improvement."

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Gandhi dedicates first supercomputer

NEW DELHI, India, March 27. (AP): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi yesterday dedicated the country's first supercomputer, which will be used to provide farmers with more precise weather forecasts.

The Cray XMP-14, obtained from the United States at a cost of \$500 million, has been installed at the National Centre for Medium-range Weather Forecasting.

Gandhi thanked former US President Ronald Reagan for his interest in the project and helping India get its first supercomputer.

The government says the Cray XMP-14 will be used to provide weather forecasts three to 10 days in advance, to prepare advisories and to study the impact of weather and climate on pests and diseases.

### New strategy to increase tourism in India

NEW DELHI, March 27. (KUNA): Tourism has emerged as a single largest foreign exchange earner for India.

India earns more than \$1.3 billion annually from the tourism, making it a major foreign exchange earner, an official of the Tourism Ministry said. However, India's share in the world tourism has been meagre 0.3 per cent.

Tourism and Civil Aviation Secretary, S.K. Misra, said that the Indian government had taken definite strategy for increasing the share of India in the world tourism market.

He said non-availability of airline seats has been a serious constraint in increasing flow of tourist traffic from most of the tourist generating nations. Tourism facilitation services are being improved to attract more tourists from Europe and the Arab nations.

Over 1.3 million foreign tourists visited India in 1988, which accounts for increase of 8 per cent over the previous year.

### O'Hare reclaims title of busiest airport

CHICAGO, March 27. (AP): O'Hare International has reclaimed its distinction as the world's busiest airport, according to statistics that show it logged more traffic last year than Atlanta's Hartsfield International.

O'Hare served 58.9 million passengers, while Atlanta handled 45.9 million, according to the statistics from the Chicago Department of Aviation, and the Chicago airport logged a record 803,453 departures and landings, to Hartsfield's 778,779.

In 1987, Atlanta had 796,600 departures and arrivals — about 4,000 more than O'Hare — although the Chicago airport handled more passengers, by 58.8 million to 47.5 million.

John Braden, a Hartsfield spokesman, said a major reason for the drop in traffic in Atlanta was a decline in discounted fares and service cuts by Eastern Airlines.



## US current account deficit to rise to about \$150b in 1992

#### Major policy switch needed

WASHINGTON, March 27. (UPI): The relentless US trade gap, which finally improved in the past two years, will start rising again by 1990 unless the government enacts major policy changes, according to a prominent international economist.

The US current account deficit, the broadest measure of trade, will rise to about \$150 billion in 1992 while the surpluses of Japan and West Germany are likely to increase to \$135 billion and \$85 billion, respectively, said William Cline in "American trade adjustment: the global impact."

The current account deficit, which includes merchandise and financial flows, shrank by 12 per cent to \$135.3 billion from 1987 to 1988.

#### Action

The book, published by the Institute for International Economics, was scheduled to be unveiled at a news conference.

Cline argued that US failure to take new action to reverse the worsening trade gap will endan-

ger US economic growth and health, in part by encouraging new protectionist measures by Congress.

Failure to act also would result in the US trade deficit never falling below \$115 billion per year — requiring America to borrow overseas more than \$10 billion a month indefinitely. The buildup of foreign debt would exceed \$1 trillion by 1992, Cline said, risking a collapse in the dollar and triggering a surge in inflation, higher interest rates and possibly a recession.

In order to head off these problems, the United States must reduce its massive budget deficit as envisioned by the Gramm-Rudman balanced budget law, Cline said. In balancing the budget within four years, US consumers would reduce demand for foreign products and the trade deficit would be cut to a more sustainable level of \$50 billion a year, he said.

The US also must push for a 10-per cent decline in the value of the dollar against major foreign

currencies by the end of 1990 to make American goods cheaper and more attractive abroad while foreign goods become more expensive in America. The dollar lost more than 50 per cent of its value against the Japanese yen and the West German mark since 1985, when then-Treasury Secretary James Baker and other top financial leaders of major industrial democracies agreed on a global economic strategy under terms of the Plaza accord.

The improvement in the US balance of trade has stalled, Cline said, due to a continuing high US demand for imports and because positive effects of the dollar depreciation, which effectively ended in late 1987, have been exhausted, among other reasons.

Cline is a senior fellow at the Institute for International Economics, a private, non-partisan research foundation. He has served as a top trade official in the Treasury Department and is an assistant professor at Princeton University.

## World Bank, IMF clash over scope

WASHINGTON, March 27. (AP): A feud is smouldering between two world institutions based in Washington with billions of dollars to lend and the power to make deeply indebted countries tighten their belts.

The disagreement between the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund centres around the division of work between them. Which should be telling governments to devalue their currencies? Which should require cuts in government spending? Which should look at long-term problems? How long is long-term?

The 151 governments that own the bank and the IMF, which get together every spring and fall, start meetings in the coming week. Their ministers of finance and central bankers will have a lot to say about the debt of Third World countries, now over \$1.2 trillion. What the two organisations can do about it depends on clearing up just what their roles should be, or even whether they should be merged.

The IMF is a United Nations agency formed to promote international monetary co-operation and currency stabilisation, and expansion of world trade.

The World Bank has the same 151 member governments as the IMF in its major component, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD). Other components are the International Development Association (IDA) and

the International Finance Corporation (IFC).

Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady has put out some new ideas on how to reduce the debt, but critics are saying they may be too little and too late. Other governments are expected to suggest doing more.

Before the meetings open, President Barber Conable of the bank, a former Congressman from New York, and managing director Michel Camdessus of the fund, a Frenchman, are trying to agree on how to co-operate. The United States and nine other leading governments have asked Lamberto Dini, the No. 2 at the Italian government's Central Bank, to report on improving the relations between the twin institutions.

"If they don't get their act together, there's going to be more pressure to merge them," said C. Fred Bergsten, who heads the Private Institute for International Economics.

"That would be a mistake, because they would only have to be separated again after a few years."

Bergsten used to be in charge of US relations with them as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs.

Both organisations are linked to the United Nations, but they have something it lacks: teeth. By giving or holding back loans and by the conditions they set, they can sometimes make or break governments.

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## Formative Arts display

The Kuwait Formative Arts Exhibition opened on Sunday at the Dahiya Abdullah Al Salem Gallery. Paintings, sculptures and watercolours by Kuwaiti, Egyptian, Jordanian, Palestinian, Syrian and Yemeni artists are on show. Left: a painting by Kuwaiti artist Mod Al Hajji. Above: the anguish of a child. (Photos by Ahmed Burini)

All entries for the What's On column can be sent by fax (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Sultan Gallery**  
AN exhibition of paintings by Shaker Hussain will be held from March 28 at the gallery, Thunayan Al Ghaniya Bldg. Al Soor St.

**Boushahri Gallery**  
GRAPHIC art by Bulgarian artists are on show at 6 pm at the gallery in Salmiya. It will be open daily from 9 am to 12.30 noon and 4 to 8.30 pm, until March 28.

## THEATRE

**ACT**  
MARCH 28, 29, 30 (8 pm): ACT presents Jean Giraudoux' comic fantasy "The Madwoman of Chaillot," directed by George Plautz, at Mousetrap Theatre, Jabiya. Reduced ticket price for opening night. For reservations call 5731782 (answerphone) or 5755391, 5-7 pm.

**Malayalam Drama**  
APRIL 7: Gayathi Arts will present their first Malayalam drama "Karthika Paurnam" at Indian Arts Circle. Written by Chandru Mohan and directed by Nandan Iringalakuda. For entry passes call 5643126.

## MUSIC

**Beat Concert**  
MARCH 31: Vishal Arts present a beat concert featuring Symphony and Perfect Strangers from 3.30 pm at the Sharq Co-operative Hall. At 6 pm the group will present a variety show with Hindi, Urdu and Punjabi music and folk dances. For details call Anthony D'Souza or Arjun Gehi. Tel: 2631826 or 2663693 after 3.30 pm.

**Saaz sur Awaz**  
SAAZ sur Awaz will hold a musical called "Bhoolay Bisay Geet and Ghazals" on May 19. They would like new singers to join their group. For details contact H. Abdulla — 3989111 ext 6811, 8 am to 3 pm.

**Open-Air Concert**  
MARCH 31: Steve Michael with the Zambezi will feature in the "Peace and Love" concert at the Salmiya Club stadium. The show starts at 5 pm. Tickets are now available from Swan Lake, Salmiya/Kuwait City; No. 1 records, Sultan Center, Salmiya.

## CINEMA

**Iraqi Film Festival**  
AN Iraqi film festival is being held in Kuwait. It will continue till March 29. The following films will be shown:

March 28: Shay Min Al Quwwah, starring Mqdad Abdul Rida, Khalil Shawki. March 29: Al Bait, starring Athar Khidir, Awatif Ibrahim. All films will be shown at 7.30 pm at the auditorium of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry. Children not permitted inside the auditorium.

## SOCIAL

**KAPILKU**  
MARCH 28 (8 pm): KAPILKU will hold an officer's meeting. Topics to be discussed include Palarong Pilipino, baking and cooking classes, hotel and restaurant operations, KAPILKU might and Bayanihan.

**FLASSIK Barn Dance**  
MARCH 31: "Barn Dance in Spring" will be held by FLASSIK, the Filipino ladies association, at the Andalus Club, Holiday Inn Hotel. The highlight of the evening will be a selection of dances for all seasons.

**Bangladesh Association**  
MARCH 31 (7 pm): The Bangladesh Association will hold a cultural function to mark the Independence and National Day of Bangladesh. The event will be held at the Hawalli Labour Union Hall. All Bangladeshis are welcome.

**Bangladesh get-together**  
MARCH 31: Bangladesh families will hold a spring get-together at Rawda Park from 8 am. The programme includes games for children and adults and a lucky draw. For details call 4317145; 3713923 after 4 pm.

**KAPILKU**  
MARCH 31: A baking class, from 9.30 am to 12 noon and a cooking class (Asian dishes), from 1.30 to 4.30 pm will be held at the Pullman Hotel. Entrance free for all KAPILKU members. Tel: Oje Olor or Jojo on 3327044.

**Southerners get-together**  
MARCH 31: The Southerners will hold a get-together at Carlton Towers Hotel from 10 am to 4 pm. Next of Kin will provide musical entertainment. For details ring 2425705 or 4831484.

## ARAB TIMES GRAND

## BINGO

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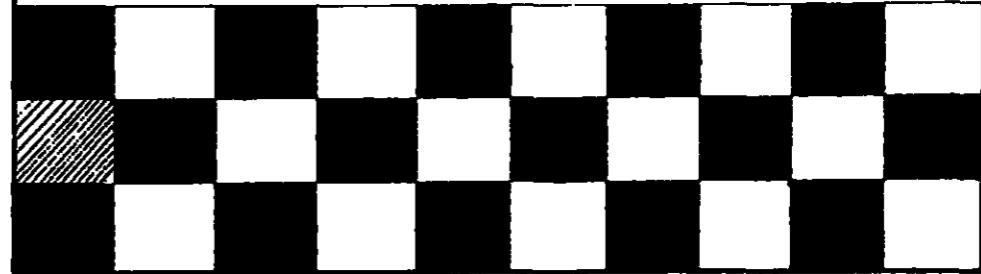
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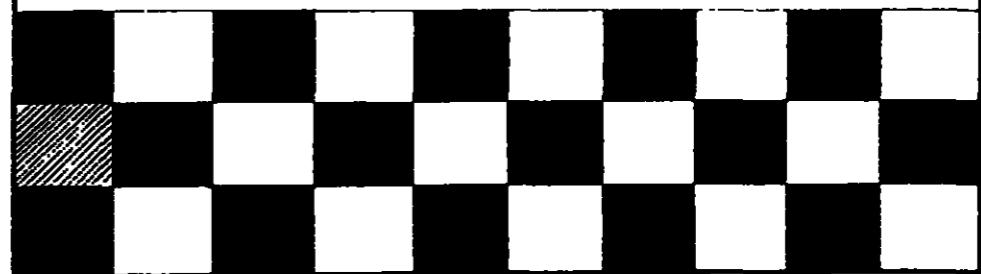
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Please make a note of the last number you checked off, i.e. the one that completes your claim. Claimants will be asked to give this number which will decide the allocation of prizes.

When you have a claim, phone: 4813566/272 or 287 between 12 noon and 1 pm. Claims after 1 pm WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. You or anyone telephoning for you must have your copy card when the claim is made.

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## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Cartoon Serial  
10.00 Al Mubaraat: Arabic serial.  
11.00 Al Daktoor: Arabic serial.  
12.00 Variety Show  
1.00 News Summary  
1.05 World News via Satellite/Closedown  
4.00 Holy Quran  
4.15 World News via Satellite  
4.45 Cartoon Serial  
5.15 Tum Tek and Children  
5.30 We and Our Friends  
6.00 Al Islam Wal Insaan: religious programme  
6.30 Songs and Music  
7.00 News Summary  
7.15 Agricultural Maga-  
7.50 Lila Kulli Suwaal Jawaab: Question and Answers  
8.30 Good Evening  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.50 Al Muhamiya: Arabic serial.  
10.45 Min Alf Al Alaya: car-



toons  
7.00 Break Point  
7.00 A Finite World: "India" Part 3 examines the fabric of Indian life, pollution, status of women and education  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 The Last Season: Part 3.  
9.40 The Hit Squad: a series on practical jokes  
10.10 Bustin' Loose: "Snow Place."  
10.30 The Equaliser: "Something Green." A diplomat is involved in kidnapping his son and his wife seeks McCall's help to get back the child. Starring: Edward Woodward  
11.30 News Summary/followed by Magazine D'Actualite/ Close-down  
12.20 Holy Quran/ Close-down

KTV 2  
6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Noveltoons: car-

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## Bangladeshi reception

The Ambassador of Bangladesh, K.M. Shehabuddin, and his wife hosted a reception on Sunday at the Dahiya Abdullah Al Salem Gallery.

Guests included: Minister of State for Sandou Affairs, Issa Mohammed Al Mazidi, high ranking officials and guests.

Also in attendance were: Mr. Shehabuddin, receiving the Foreign Ministry Undersecretary, Sulaiman Majed Al Shafee (left) and Palestinian Ambassador Awni Battash as Mrs

Shehabuddin looks on.

## Indo-Pak fashion at tea party



Ensembles shown by Tapati at a recent fashion show.

PARISTANI Fawzia Ayoub and Indian Tapati Ray, two freelance designers based in Kuwait, will show their latest collections at a fashion show at the International Ladies Tea Party get-together on Wednesday at the Holiday Inn Hotel.

Fawzia, who picked up designing as a hobby, has shown her collection at various gatherings for women. She designs and models her own clothes.

Tapati, who studied designing in London, is in search of a style for the fashion conscious woman and blends the Oriental and Western design concepts to cater to a wide clientele. In recent months, Tapati has shown her collection at several shows.

The International Ladies Tea Party, a meeting point for ladies of all nationalities, is run by Seema Faruqui, a former active member of the now defunct Pakistan Ladies Club. Assisted by Rukhsana Rashid, she organises the get-togethers that give ladies a chance to make new friends.

## NIGHT CHEMIST

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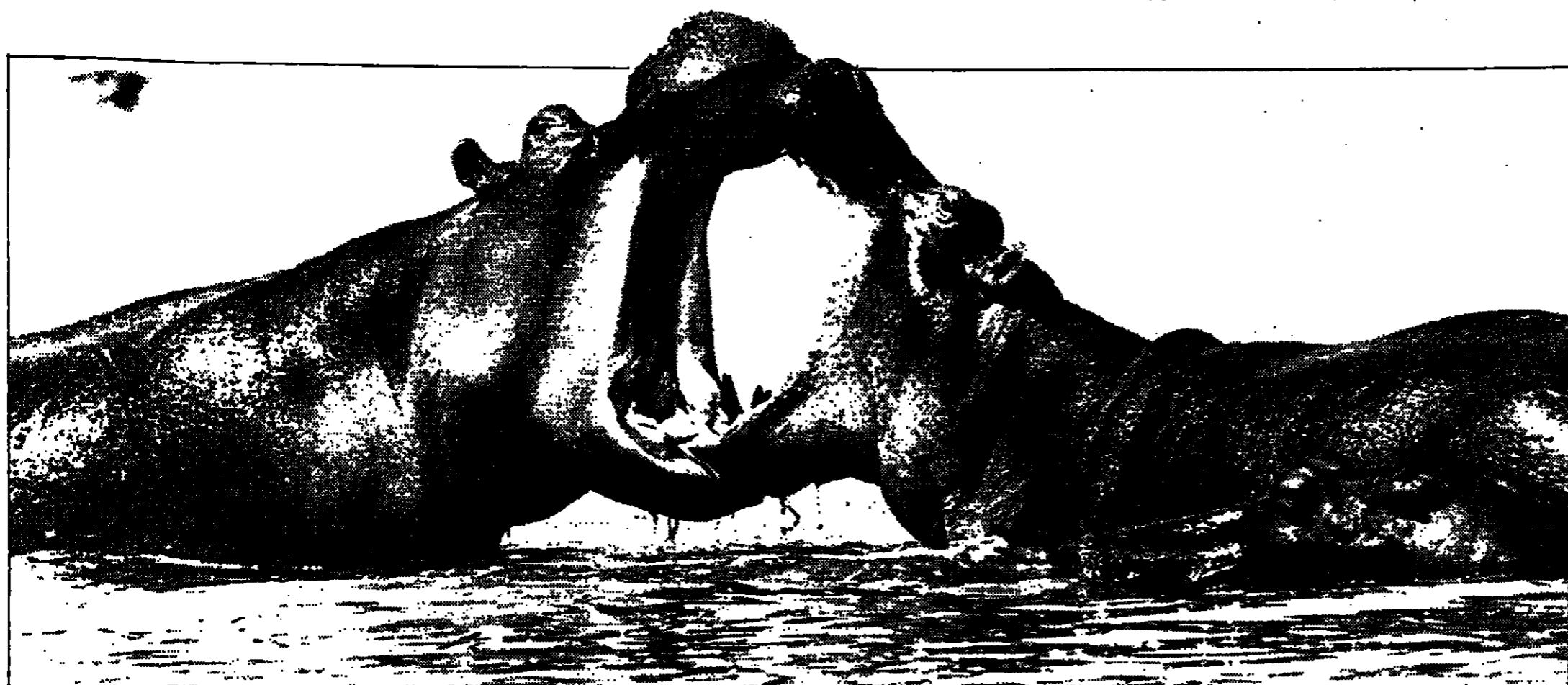
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## CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus Mission Terminates (Arabic)  
Al Salimya Arabic play  
Al Naima  
Al Majnoon (Arabic)  
Starring: Shahira, Hussein Sharbini, Issad Yunus  
Drive-In  
Amber Al Maut (Arabic)  
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Facing up to a big problem: conservationists project that in 10 years there may be only 400 hippos left in Uganda

By Catherine Bond

AS the moonlight glints on the Kazinga channel in Western Uganda's Queen Elizabeth Park, the sound of hippos grunting wafts up from the water to Mweya Safari Lodge. After dark, visitors are warned to carry a torch lest they bump into a stray hippo munching its way along the paths.

On a trip on the river launch, you might be tempted to think that the seemingly plentiful hippo romping near the shore have escaped the ravages of war and economic decline. But the days when culling was deemed necessary to control an over-crowded hippo population are long since gone.

According to the Uganda Institute of Ecology, the park's hippo population of 14,000 in 1957 has dropped steadily almost year by year, to about 3,000 today. Conservationists project that in 10 years there may be only 400 hippo left. An average of one hippo is poached in the park every day.

Although Tanzanian troops, who routed General Idi Amin in

## Civil war and poaching take their toll

## Hippos: a dying breed in Africa

1979, slaughtered hippo at whim — leaving the lake shores white with bones — the chronic problem of hippo poaching lies not with soldiers, but with fishermen living within the park.

Fishermen kill hippo on a commercial basis, selling the meat to local people in the nearby Ruwenzori mountains, at prices which undercut beef, chicken or meat. The maximum poaching fine is 3,000 Uganda shillings (about £4) but meat from a hippo carcass fetches more than 10 times that.

However, in the past year, the park has stepped up its campaign to tackle the problem with a two-pronged approach: anti-poaching patrols have been re-equipped, and wildlife education intensified.

"Our message is no hippos, no fish," said Ponsiano Ssemwezi, Uganda's outgoing Director of Wildlife. "Hippos defecate in the water, and the manure produces algae that fish feed on. We tell fishermen that if the hippos disappear, the fish will, too."

Many villagers would apparently like to move into one or two main spots, where they might have access to facilities such as schools. The worry of the park, being denuded of trees could also be alleviated if the Ugandan government were to allow fishermen to salt their fish, instead of smoking them.

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Muhler and his wife, Ursula

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Muhler said that when they first went into the village to give wildlife lectures, "people thought the park was only for white people in white Land Rovers."

The return of school trips to Mweya, and the large number of Ugandans who spent last Christmas there, may improve this attitude. Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni often uses Mweya as a venue for talks with heads of state and foreign ministers — including Sir Geoffrey Howe, who had a close encounter with a hippo there last October.

John Otekat, acting Chief Warden, says two lorries — donated last February by the Muhler brothers (Peter Muhler runs the anti-poaching unit) on International Federation for African Wildlife funds — provided a big boost to the morale of 80 game rangers in the park.

"We've been able to transport

our rangers to areas where poaching was taking place, and make a lot of arrests," Otekat said.

According to Muhler, the most pressing problem is poor salaries — 800 Uganda shillings per ranger a month, equivalent to less than £1. "The European Community puts millions of dollars into Uganda's national parks," he stated. "But nobody cares about the rangers, and in my opinion, they are the backbone of the park." Not surprisingly, some rangers have been suspended for poaching.

The issue of salaries is virtually insolvable. Outside donors cannot pay higher salaries without luring skilled labour away from the Ugandan government. However, they can supplement wages with food and equipment, and clothes for rangers' families. Most rangers say they rely on money from their wives, who sell smoked fish.

This pattern of underpaid, under-equipped staff is reflected in Uganda's other parks at Kidepo, on the Sudan border, and at Murchison Falls, which last year became insecure because of Holy Spirits rebels.

"It's very easy to shoot rhino," he explains. One gun killed six in six hours. The slow-down was probably due to the fact that the remaining rhino are more thinly scattered and harder to find.

Protecting those left alive has become a war in which 47 poachers have been shot dead, more than 30 jailed and an unknown number killed by crocodiles crossing the river.

President Robert Mugabe, a keen conservationist, has authorised shoot-to-kill policy against poachers. But its future looks uncertain since the national parks acting chief warden Glen Tatham and two other men were arrested and charged with murder for killing a poacher in November.

National parks staff are bitter about the charges and blame a long-running local vendetta with the police in the Zambezi valley. All three arrested men have been freed on bail.

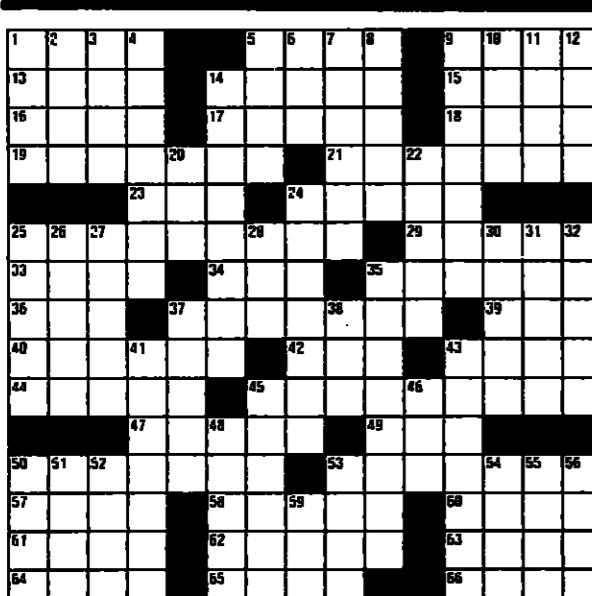
Brightman's radio crackles with military slang unchanged from the Rhodesian war of the 1970s: a stick (patrol) cuts poor (tracks) hoping for a contact (firefight) with the poachers who bombshell (split up) and gap it (run away).

With no more than 100 men to cover 12,000 square km (4,500 sq miles) of dense bush, the anti-poaching teams face steep odds. Armed with FN rifles, the three-man patrols risk their lives for a monthly pay of around 200 dollars (\$100).

Scout Shingirai Jegacheva fired shots at a group of poachers in mid-November but the men escaped east, back into Zambia through Mozambique. Thanks to SAWE, a New York-based fund-raising group, he now goes on patrol with a powerful VHF radio to call for reinforcements if there is a contact.

"These radios are a big help," he says. "Everybody wants to see the poaching stopped. We want our children to see the rhinos too." The poachers come in groups of between four and 10 of whom one or two are armed with military weapons, either the AK-47 or the Chinese-made SKS.

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## GOREN BRIDGE

## BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

## BEST TURNS OUT SECOND-BEST

Both vulnerable. South deals.

## NORTH

♦ A K 7 3 2  
♥ A Q 6 5 2  
♦ Q 10 6  
♦ Void

## WEST

♦ J 8  
♥ 9 8 4 3  
♦ 7 4  
♦ A J 9 5

## EAST

♦ Q 10 9 4

## SOUTH

♦ 6 5  
♥ K 10  
♦ K 9 8 5 2  
♦ K 10 4

The bidding:

South West North East

Pass Pass 1 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

6 ♠ Pass Pass

Opening lead: Seven of ♠

Watching Sunday afternoon

football, how often have you seen a

seemingly easy pass fall incomplete

because the receiver takes his eye off

the ball. Today's hand is the equivalent

in bridge.

What if spades break 5-1? Then

declarer still has time to go after the

hearts, since he needs to ruff only

one heart and to find a 4-2 break

there to establish an extra trick.

on diamond support. When he learned that it was, he wasted no time in getting to slam.

West led a trump to his partner's ace, and a trump came back. When East followed, the hand seemed too easy for words. Declarer could ruff a club, discard one on a high heart and set up a long heart to take care of the other club. So he cashed the king of hearts and crossed to the ace, to find that he had encountered a disastrous split. His only remaining chance was that spades would divide evenly. But when that chance didn't materialize, the slam went abegging.

Declarer tackled his suits in the wrong order. See the difference if, after winning the second trump, declarer goes after spades first. When both defenders follow to two rounds of spades, it is a simple matter to set up a long spade by ruffing, crossing back with a club ruff for another spade ruff, then getting back with hearts to take two discs.

Watching Sunday afternoon football, how often have you seen a seemingly easy pass fall incomplete because the receiver takes his eye off the ball. Today's hand is the equivalent in bridge.

Note South's waiting bid of three spades. He wanted to see whether his partner's jump shift was based

on diamond support. When he learned that it was, he wasted no time in getting to slam.

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Something that has been eluding

## THE WIZARD OF ID

## B.C.



By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

Remember that only a bad workman blames his tools. You should try not to dither. Avoid changing the subject too frequently. Be sincere.

By all means try a new method but do not expect to learn it overnight. You are facing a complex situation and must take care not to miss any essentials. Make sure you do not offend anyone. Be tactful.

You will be able to overcome what seemed at first like an insuperable problem. A tendency to lose sight of your objectives must be resisted. Make sure you do not do anything obviously injurious to your health. Be cordial.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Something that has been eluding

you will suddenly come home to you. The Moon's influence will help you to do what you set out to do. Only you must make sure you do not aim too high, not too low

## Young nationalist



Mishari shares a secret with his one-year-old sister, Ma'ali



Above: Four-year-old Mishari Kamel proudly shows off his national costume, in a tent in the desert during the holidays.

## Young tennis champs



Above:

Yousef Al Ibrahim, Khalid Al Banay and Hashem Farouz are three under-18 tennis champions. They won in the Arab Cup Championship. Congratulations!

Left:

Hassan Aziz is a seven-year-old tennis player. He has recently participated in the NBK Tennis Tournament currently being held in Kuwait. We all wish you the very best of luck, Hassan, and hope to hear some pleasing results.

## Dear Junior Readers,

I hope you've had a wonderful Easter. It is a shame that the weather was not very pleasant on Easter Sunday but I suppose all of you made the most of it.

The next holy occasion now is the Islamic month of Ramadan. This is the month in which all Muslims must fast, meaning that they are not to eat or drink from dawn to dusk. Breakfast is with the sunset prayer, and just before dawn, Muslims eat a special meal to help survive throughout the day. This meal usually includes a glass of yoghurt as this

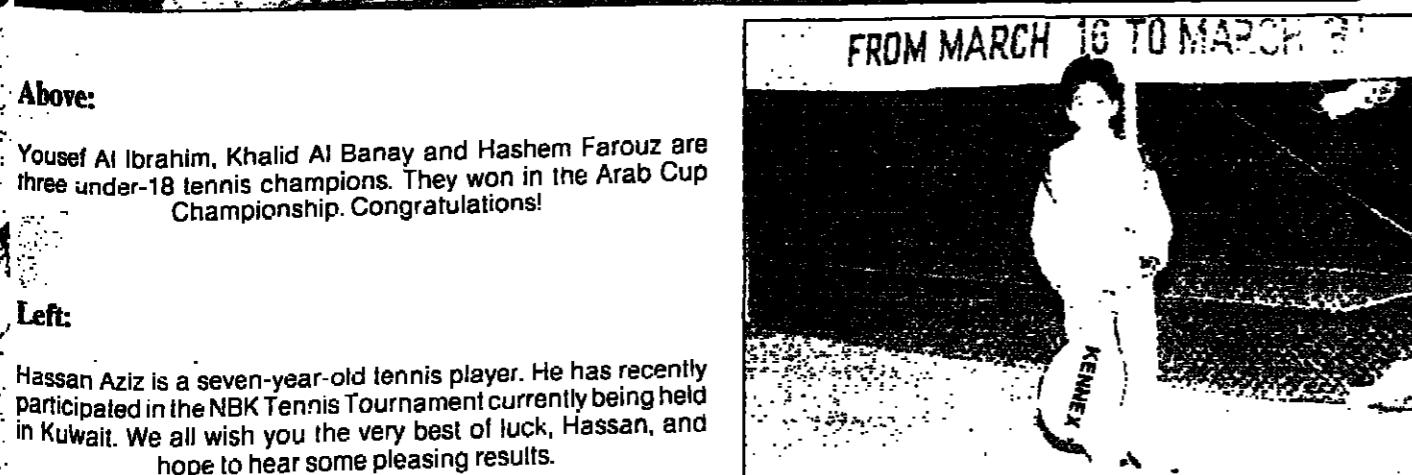
helps to quench thirst.

They are also obliged to pay a certain sum of money (Zakat Al Fitr) per person in the family. The money to be paid should be the equivalent of

2.5 kilogrammes of the country's main dish (or the product itself). For example, in Kuwait the main meal is rice, thereby the zakat will be 2.5 kilogrammes of rice per person in the family, or its equivalent in money.

To all the young Muslims who intend to fast this Ramadan, we are proud of you.

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What is the largest mouse in the world?

A hippo-pota-mouse.

What do you call an Eskimo wearing five balaclavas and a crash helmet?

Anything you like — he can't hear a thing.

What do cannibals eat for breakfast?

Buttered host.

What do you call a constipated budgie?

Chirrup of figs.

What did the policeman say to the three-headed man?

"Allo, 'allo, 'allo!"

What did the German say to the broken clock?

"Ve half ways off makink you tock!"

If a buttercup is yellow, what colour is a hiccup?

Burple.

What do you give a pig with a sore nose?

Oinkment.

What lies at the bottom of the sea and shivers?

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## Introducing you to

## Alfie Howard



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## SPORTS

NBA and NCAA games

## Celtics survive late Philadelphia rally for victory

NEW YORK, March 27. (AP): Robert Parish had 30 points and 16 rebounds and the Boston Celtics survived a late Philadelphia rally for a 105-103 victory yesterday, despite 38 points and 15 rebounds by the 76ers' Charles Bradley.

The win moved Boston, 35-32, 1-2 games behind Philadelphia, 37-31, in the battle for the next-to-last playoff spot in the National Basketball Association's Eastern Conference and three games ahead of Washington for the final berth. Boston plays at Philadelphia tomorrow night.

Magic Johnson's jumper from the foul line as the buzzer sounded gave the Los Angeles Lakers a 118-116 victory over the Phoenix Suns in the only other NBA game last night.

Johnson, who led the Lakers with 34 points, also had 10 rebounds and 17 assists for his second straight triple-double and 15th of the season. With 20 seconds, he took the inbounds pass and dribbled near the 3-point circle for 15 seconds before driving on Phoenix guard T.R. Dunn and stopping at the top of the key for his game-winning shot.

The Lakers broke a two-game home losing streak and moved four games ahead of the second-place Suns in the NBA's Pacific division.

Meanwhile in New York, to get from their campus in Durham, North Carolina, to a spot among the final four — the four remaining teams in the post-season College Basketball Championship Tournament — the Duke Blue Devils prefer to go via New Jersey.

The Blue Devils advanced to the final four for the third time in four years yesterday by beating Georgetown 85-77 in the National Collegiate Athletic Association East Regional Championship. Duke has earned all three of its final four trips by winning the East Regional at East Rutherford, New Jersey, and is 6-0 in regional games played there.

"This has been a great place for us to play," Duke's Danny Ferry said.

Duke, 28-7, plays Seton Hall, 30-6, which beat Nevada-Las Vegas 84-61 on Saturday in the West final. Rounding out the final four, Michigan, 28-7, plays Illinois, 31-4. The Wolverines beat Virginia 102-65 on Saturday in the Southeast final, while the Illini beat Syracuse 89-86 yesterday to win the Midwest.

John Thompson, coach of the second-ranked Georgetown Hoyas, once again lost with a favorite. Only six months ago, his US Olympic team lost to the Soviet Union in the semifinals.

Christian Laettner beat Alonso Mourning in the battle of young centers. Laettner made nine of 10 shots and scored 24 points, while Mourning scored just 11 points and was benched near the end of the game. Both Laettner and Mourning are first-year college students.

Mourning, a third-team All-American, took personal responsibility for the defeat.

Kenny Battle scored 28 points and Nick Anderson added 24 as the Illini overcame a 13-point deficit and advanced to the final four for the first time in 37 years.

**New Zealand beat W. Samoa**

SYDNEY, Australia, March 27. (AP): New Zealand rallied in the second half to defeat surprise finalist Western Samoa 26-16 yesterday and win the Sydney International seven-a-side Rugby Union tournament at Concord Oval.

New Zealand fought back after trailing 10-4 at half time.

John Gallagher came on for Alan Crowley early in the second half, sparked the New Zealand attack and scored two individual tries.

Centre Scott Pierce also scored two tries to take his tally for the tournament to 11.

New Zealand qualified for the final by overwhelming Australia 28-0 and Western Samoa sprung the surprise of the eight-nation tournament by beating highly-rated Fiji 23-18 in the other semi-final.

In first round matches, New Zealand beat Argentina 18-10, Western Samoa downed the United States by the same score, Australia beat Wales 12-4 and Western Samoa trounced South Korea 36-6.

## DEATH ANNIVERSARY

## OF LATE SHAHZA

## AKRAM CHAUDHRY

May Allah rest her soul in peace in her permanent abode.

I am thankful to all those who shared my grief.

Mohammed Akram Chaudhry

## Lendl and Evert advance into quarterfinals

## Connors and Shriver upset in Players

KEY BISCAYNE, March 27. (Reuter): American Kevin Curren rallied from two sets down behind his strong serve to upset Jimmy Connors 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 in a four-hour, fourth-round match at the Players Tennis Championship yesterday.

The women's fourth seed, American Pam Shriver, fell to unseeded Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia 7-5, 6-4.

Three of the top four men's seeds, including second-seeded Mats Wilander of Sweden and Americans, Andre Agassi, seeded third, and Connors have been eliminated before the quarterfinals. Three of the top four women remain in the 128-player draw.

Top-seeded Ivan Lendl outslugged 15th seeded Andres Gomez of Ecuador 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 and second-seeded Chris Evert outlasted compatriot American,

ninth-seeded Mary Jo Fernandez, 7-5, 6-2, sending both Lendl and Evert into the quarterfinals.

The 13th seeded Curren, 5-5 against Connors in career meetings, pointed to his ability to both rally with the fourth seeded Connors from the baseline and hold his own serve.

## Trouble

"I just kept hanging in there on the baseline rallies. I give him trouble because I take away his best shot — his return of serve — with my first serve," Curren said.

Connors handled Curren's blistering right-handed service in the first two sets with his well-placed service returns, but after dropping his serve in the fourth game of the third set to fall behind 1-3, Connors could not recover.

Curren, 21st in the world, kept his momentum going in the fourth set, breaking Connors twice to go ahead 4-1. Although

Connors got one break back on three volleying errors from his opponent in the fifth game, Curren served his way into the fifth set, hitting an ace to close out the fourth set.

## Broke

Curren broke serve in the first game when Connors netted a backhand and then again when he converted the second of three break points to go up 5-2 and served out the match in the next game, stabbing a backhand volley into the open court on his first match point.

Connors, eighth in the world, said that he was satisfied with his every part of his game, except his serve.

"Basically, I did everything right but win the match," said Connors, adding some self-criticism with a strong dose of expletives.

Shriver, who had difficulty with returning Novotna's serve

and getting her own first serve in, was not disappointed with the loss, something she attributed to her new-found attitude toward tennis.

## Best

"I'm through with mourning tennis matches. After 11 years I can't expect to go out there and be at my competitive best every day," said Shriver.

But Shriver's flash of temper shortly after her defeat belied her comments about a calm approach to losing.

With Shriver standing nearby, a fan hugged Novotna for her victory. Shriver ripped sunglasses from the fan's head, saying later that it was tasteless to hug the winner in front of the loser.

Lendl, first in the world, controlled the left-handed serve of Gomez the entire match and used his powerful game to overwhelm Gomez for the sixteenth time in seventeen career meetings.



Chris Evert outlasts Jo Fernandez

## Simpson overtakes Norman to win New Orleans golf

NEW ORLEANS, March 27. (Reuter): American Tim Simpson found his putting touch to overtake Greg Norman of Australia and win the \$750,000 New Orleans Classic Golf Tournament yesterday.

Simpson shot a three-under-par 69 for a total of 14-under-par 274. Norman had an even-par 72 and dropped back into a tie for second place with American Hal Sutton at 12-under-par 276.

American Mark Hayes had a final round of 68 to place fourth.

The victory was the second of Simpson's 12-year career and was worth \$135,000. Norman and Sutton each collected \$66,000.

Simpson and Norman were tied for the lead as late as the 12th hole at 13-under par, but Simpson birdied the 14th to move out

in front to stay. He also birdied the 15th to take a two-stroke lead, but they both bogeyed the 17th for their final totals.

"I've been battling with my confidence for the last two years," Simpson said. "There were times when I wondered if I would ever win again. My main problem over the years has been my putting but I must say I did put well today."

"Greg played extremely well,"

Simpson added, "but he couldn't make a putt. He kept hitting the ball close, but nothing wanted to go in. That's the way I was yesterday."

Norman said: "The only shining light out of this that I can take to Augusta (the Masters tournament) is that I hit the ball very well all week. I know I can put well at Augusta, so I'm looking forward to it (next week)."

PHOENIX, Arizona, March 27. (AP): Alison Finney shot an even-par 73 in a rain-plagued final round yesterday to win the \$400,000 LPGA Turquoise Classic by one shot.

It was the first tournament victory in seven years on the tour for Finney, whose previous best was a second-place tie in the 1985 Hall of Fame Championship.

"I can't even believe it's happened yet. It's going to take a while before it sinks in," said Finney, who was eighth in this tournament in 1987 and tied for 11th in 1986. "My goal this year was to win, but that's been my goal for the last six years."

Finney, 30, finished with a 10-under-par total of 282 to take the \$60,000 top prize.

Beth Daniel, who started the day one shot ahead of Finney, parred every hole except the par-3 second, where she four-putted

to finish 284.

Dominated

In Okawa, Japan, Naomichi "Joe" Ozaki shot a one-under-par 71 yesterday for a six-under-par 282 total.

Jody Rosenthal, seven shots of the lead after three rounds, came in third at 285 after firing a 3-under-par 70 on the 6,514-yard Moon Valley Country Club course, which was soaked by an inch of rain. The final round was played mostly in cool, drizzly weather.

Cindy Rarick shot a 1-under-par 72 and was the leader among early finishers in final round.

A storm moved into the Phoenix area early yesterday, dumping an inch (2.5 cms) of rain. But the Moon Valley Country Club course still was playable and the final round started on schedule.

Rarick, who scored the only two tournament victories of her five-year LPGA career in 1987, finished with a 72-hole total of 298, 6-over-par.

## Howe wins St Patricks cup



Diedre Breto

ROBERT Howe, finally came out of a winless slump over several seasons to win the St. Patricks day competition by a margin of two strokes. This annual golf event is held at the Hunting & Equestrian Club to contest the St. Patricks and Leprechaun cups presented to the club by long time member Stan Marshall.

In the St. Patricks cup competition, held for full members, Bob Howe (151) carded 38 points to win first place for Hassan Dahabiyah (122) with 36 points and Saud Al Hajri (10) who carded 34. In the Leprechaun cup, held for guest members, housewife Diedre Breto, who hails from Ireland, playing excellent iron shots, won the competition with the best score of the day, 30 points. Followed into the runner-up spot by C.K. Lim and into third place by H.R. Jang.

In side competition Diedre Breto was able to win the longest drive competition for ladies on the par-4 tenth when her tee shot sailed 220 yards down the fairway. In the men's competition J.H. Chung produced the longest drive of the day on the par-4 sixth.

The nearest to the pin competition, held on the difficult par 3 eighteenth, was won by the effervescent Pieter van Thiel.

## Swedish success defies the numbers

STOCKHOLM, March 27. (Reuter): Sweden has 13,000 organised players, China has millions.

The numbers would seem to make it futile but the defiant Swedes intend to launch a strong European challenge to Asia's table tennis supremacy at the world championships in Dortmund, West Germany, starting on Wednesday.

Sweden can boast Europe's top quartet with reigning European singles champion Mikael Appelgren and the continent's second, third and fourth-ranked players, Jan-Ove Waldner, Erik Lindh and Jorgen Persson, who was the 1986 champion of Europe.

"There are three men's golds (team, singles, doubles) at stake in Dortmund and I hope one of them will go to Sweden," coach Glenn Osth told Reuters with characteristic Swedish caution.

Sweden's depth is astonishing for a country of only 8.4 million people where table tennis ranks far below national sports like ice hockey, skiing, soccer and tennis.

In addition to their four stars they are taking to West Germany the 1984 European singles champion Ulf Bengtsson. 1985 doubles world champion Ulf Carlsson and two young players rapidly moving up towards the elite — Thomas von Scheele, 20, and Peter Karlsson, 19.

How did the Swedes succeed where nations such as West Germany, with 700,000 licensed players, have failed?

The answer, says Osth, boils down to the same basics which are behind the country's high-profile success in tennis — municipal sports facilities and dedicated unpaid coaches all over the country, team spirit.

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Advantage

This time the Swedes are ready to take advantage of Jiang's loss of form. The two-time world champion, beaten in the Olympic quarter-finals by Sweden's Erik Lindh, has come under pressure to delay his marriage to a popular Chinese actress to concentrate on table tennis and has hinted that he might retire after Dortmund.

With Lindh, Waldner, European champion Appelgren and Joergen Persson all in excellent form, Sweden have a good chance of taking the team title which China have won 10 times in the last 14 championships.

Missing

But new, young talent is missing in the squad for Dortmund and with the steady improvement of nations like Sweden and South Korea, China has lost its dominance and the possibility of winning six or all seven titles, "it said.

China's star, which rose over Dortmund 30 years ago when Jung Kuotuan became the country's first men's world champion,

was champion two years earlier in Japan, won the men's doubles and led Sweden to victory in the team event. Johansson was runner-up in the singles.

In subsequent years the gap between Sweden and China, temporarily bridged in the early 1970s, reopened and the Chinese crushed the Swedes in the last three world team finals.

"But Dortmund resembles Sarajevo in many ways. This generation of Swedish players have never been better and they'll be playing not only in Europe but virtually on their home turf," Osth said.

Sweden's top players spend part of each year on West Germany's professional table tennis circuit.

"We've also been lucky to produce a bunch of good players at the same time. They, of course, spur each other in tough domestic competition," Osth said.

Size can paradoxically work in Sweden's favour too.

"We're a small country. Everybody knows everybody. And team spirit is a tremendous asset in table tennis," Osth said.

"We are the Chinese of Europe. We train the hardest and others try to copy our methods. Our technical training, which breaks down the game into pieces which we work on separately, is the envy of other Europeans," he added.

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## SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Botham's return

SINGAPORE, March 27. (Reuter): England all-rounder Ian Botham picked up a cricket bat today for the first time since he broke down with a back injury last May.

All eyes were on Botham, who hopes to regain his England place in the forthcoming home series against Australia, as he practised here with his county club Worcestershire before a 50-over match tomorrow against a Singapore side.

## Shield final

PERTH, Australia, March 27. (Reuter): Scores on the third day of the five-day Sheffield Shield cricket final between Western Australia and South Australia today.

Western Australia first innings 535 (Tom Moody 162, Tim Zoehrer 81, Wayne Andrews 75, Graeme Wood 68, Geoff Marsh 55, Colin Miller seven for 112), South Australia first innings 275 for six (Brett Williams 69, Peter Sleep 49 not out).

## Table tennis

DORTMUND, West Germany, March 27. (Reuter): Ball boys and girls will be used for the first time at the world table tennis championships starting on Wednesday, organisers said today.

"We are putting the youngsters around the courts but to be perfectly honest I don't think they will have many balls to run after," organiser Manfred Schaefer said.

## Horse racing

DUBLIN, March 27. (Reuter): In a family affair, Maid of Money, a 10-1 chance ridden by Anthony Powell, won the Irish Grand National horse race at Fairyhouse today.

Powell's grandfather, Paddy, won the race 62 years ago while his father, also Paddy, acted as starter today.

## Cauthen in action

LONDON, March 27. (Reuter): Steve Cauthen rode a winner today on his first day back in action in England after breaking his neck in a fall at Goodwood six months ago.

The American partnered Epsom Derby prospect Cecilio to a 25-length success in the fourth race at Kempton.

## No bridge

NO bridge games will be held at the Sheraton Hotel today.

## IAC badminton

THE IAC badminton tournament which was inaugurated yesterday started in full swing. Today's fixtures:

7.30 pm: Men's Doubles: Alex Mathew and K.S. Jinar vs Sudhir Walvekar and Anil Raun; P.K. Mankad and Dr Srivastava vs Mathew Jacob and Jacob Mathew; S. Narayan and Dr Karnik vs P.C. George and Mathew Thomas; R. Suresh and Rajesh vs T. Mathew and Sharman.

Boys Singles: 8.30 pm: Kapil Nagi vs Mathew Jacob; Rajesh vs Geku George; Sunant Sharma vs Suresh R.

Veterans Singles: Robert Henry vs Sharman.

9.10pm: Men's Singles: Reji Joseph vs George Tharaiyan or C.V. Mathew; C.A. Hasan vs M.G. Chacko or Sajai Thomas; Cherry George vs K. Vijayan or Sanjay Sharma.

The tournament was inaugurated yesterday by the visiting Member of Parliament Thomas Kuthiravattom at 6.45 pm in the presence of I.A.C. president M. Mathews which is sponsored by P.K. Marwah and Jashanmal & Partners.

## Pirelli to relive first motorsport victory

IN a commemorative drive from Peking to Paris in an Itala car, Pirelli is going to use tyres like those with which it won its first motorsport victory 82 years ago in 1907. Pirelli built 50 such tyres.

The previous marathon event in which the Itala car covered a distance of 16,000 kms on Pirelli cord tyres in a record 60 days, was reported by a famous journalist Luigi Barzini in Corriere Della Seria newspaper of Italy and Britain's Daily Telegraph.

## Restored

The old Itala has now been restored by Fiat group and the 22,000 kms 1989 drive has been organised to commemorate the 90th anniversary of Fiat's foundation. The car will carry messages of friendship from the President of Italy, Francesco Cossiga, to the heads of state of the countries through which it will be driven.

The mastermind behind producing the 50 tyres was Ing. Mario Mezzanotte with whose tyres Pirelli won 22 world motorsport championships since 1972. They had to start a blind

## Biasion drives Lancia Delta to Safari Rally victory

NAIROBI, Kenya, March 27. (AP): Massimo "Miki" Biasion, forging into the lead after a teammate ran into a herd of sheep, drove his Lancia Delta Integrale to victory today in the Marlboro Safari Rally.

"I am very satisfied because the road conditions were terrible," the 31-year-old Italian said at a news conference. "The last leg was the worst."

## Slippery

Only 13 of 58 cars finished the 4,217-kilometre (2,614 mile) endurance test over slippery mountain passes, scorching desert trails and through mud holes that swallowed many of the entries.

It was the second consecutive Safari Rally triumph for the Italian driver and team and their third straight victory on the World Rally Championship circuit this year.

Biasion, last year's world rally driving champion, finished the Kenya race with 6:45:47 unofficial penalty points, 1:66:34 ahead of his closest rival.

Second place in the tortuous, five-day race went to Kenyan Mike Kirkland driving a Nissan 200SX. That duplicated his finish last year and he summed up his frustration by telling reporters:

"We are putting the youngsters around the courts but to be perfectly honest I don't think they will have many balls to run after," organiser Manfred Schaefer said.

## Kirkland

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Rally drivers are required to cover specified distances within certain periods and penalty points are the minutes a driver is

late in arriving at checkpoints. The unofficial results must be verified by rally officials, but they said there was little chance of change in the finishing order.

Biasion's teammate, Jorge Recalde, was forced out of the race yesterday when his Lancia ran into a herd of sheep, damaging its radiator and oil cooler. The Argentinian had taken the lead near the halfway point, with Biasion lying a close second.

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Biasion (right) sprays his navigator Tiziano Siviero with champagne as they celebrate their second Safari Rally victory. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Third straight win in world championship

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## Norwich restore title challenge with 2-0 win

LONDON, March 27. (Reuter): Norwich restored their English League soccer title challenge with a 2-0 win at bottom club West Ham today.

After a surprise defeat at home to struggling Newcastle on Saturday, Norwich badly needed to bounce back and they did just that with goals from Andy Lingham (61st minute) and Malcolm Allen (86th).

## Lifted

The victory lifted Norwich to 56 points, three behind leaders Arsenal with a game in hand and five clear of third-placed Liverpool. Neither Arsenal nor Liverpool played on Monday.

Millwall lost their chance of leap-frogging Liverpool when they were beaten 1-0 at home by London neighbours Wimbledon, a 55th minute John Fashanu penalty settling the issue.

Two minutes later Millwall striker Teddy Sheringham was sent off for a foul on Terry Phelan.

## Results

English Division One  
Coventry 2 Southampton 0  
Middlesbrough 3 Everton 1  
Millwall 0 Wimbledon 1  
Newcastle 3 Wednesday 3  
Notts Forest 2 M United 0

English Division Two  
Aldershot 1 Reading 0  
Blackpool 0 Bradford 0  
Bolton 1 Preston 0  
Bury 1 Gillingham 0  
Huddersfield 2 Chesterfield 0  
Port Vale Mansfield 1830 GMT 1  
Sheffield U 1 Notts County 1  
Swansea 1 Cardiff 0  
Wigan 3 Chester 0  
Wolves 1 Bristol Rovers 0

English Division Four  
Crewe 1 Rotherham 3  
Doncaster 1 Cambridge-kickoff 1830 GMT 1  
Gillingham 0 Lincoln 0  
Halifax 0 Scunthorpe 0  
Hartlepool 0 Colchester 0  
Hereford v Exeter-kickoff 1830 GMT 1  
Peterborough 3 Carlisle 0  
Rochdale 1 Tranmere 1830 GMT 1  
Stockport v Torquay-kickoff 1830 GMT 1  
Tranmere v Leyton Orient-kickoff 1830 GMT 1  
Wrexham 4 Burnley 2  
York 0 Scarborough 0

## Third day's play abandoned due to rain

## India score 86 for one against W. Indies

GEORGETOWN, March 27. (Reuter): Play on the third day of the first cricket Test between West Indies and India today was abandoned without a ball being bowled because of rain.

Today will count as the rest day and the match will resume tomorrow.

India were 86 for one in their first innings in reply to the West Indies' 437 all out at close of play yesterday, the second day of the first cricket Test.

West Indian Richie Richardson hit a Test best 194 yesterday as the West Indies took charge on the second day.

Resuming at 273 for five the West Indies were all out for 437.

Richardson's marathon 459-minute innings beat his previous Test best of 185 against New Zealand four years ago on the same Bourda Ground.

Richardson scored only 32

runs before lunch, overshadowed by Gus Logie, who made a cultured 46 from 98 balls out of their stand of 87 in 32 overs.

But Logie, who had lifted Narendra Hirwani over long-on for six as well as collecting six fours, momentarily lost his concentration with lunch only minutes away and drove a Hirwani full toss straight back to the bowler.

## Caught off

After Richardson and Jeff Dujon, who hit five boundaries in his 31, had put on 55 in an hour, the loss of both in the same over to Arshad Ayub began a late order collapse.

The last four wickets went down for 25 in five overs, all victims of Ayub who ended with five for 104.

In four previous Tests against the West Indies Ayub had taken only six wickets.

Richardson was caught off a mis-hit at mid-wicket after he had tried to clear the fielders.

It was his ninth Test hundred, but his first against India. Richardson faced 367 balls and struck 20 fours.

Dujon was trapped leg before by Ayub who later had revenge on paceman Winston Benjamin and Courtney Walsh, who had both hit him for six.

When India batted they lost Arun Lal for nine with the score on 14, but Navjot Singh (42) and Ravi Shastri (29) survived until the close.

## Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings (overnight 273 for five)  
1. G. Logie c b Hirwani..... 46  
J. Dujon lbw b Ayub..... 51  
C. Ambrose not out..... 13  
W. Benjamin c C. Sharma b Ayub..... 7  
C. Walsh b Ayub..... 6  
Extras (b-0 w-4 nb-5)..... 24  
TOTAL..... 437  
Fall of wickets: 1-41 2-219 3-231 4-270 5-270 6-357 7-412 8-413 9-423  
Bowling: Kapil Dev 28-8-67-2 C. Sharma 20-2-68-1, Shastri 33-6-57-6, Ayub 30-5-4-104-5, Hirwani 29-2-106-1.

INDIA first innings (overnight 86 for one)  
1. A. Lal c Richards b Walsh..... 9  
N. Singh not out..... 42  
R. Shastri not out..... 29  
Extras (b-1 nb-5)..... 6  
TOTAL (for one wicket)..... 86

Fall of wicket: 1-14

To bat: D. Vengsarkar, M. Azharuddin, Kapil Dev, S. Manjrekar, K. More, A. Ayub, C. Sharma, N. Hirwani

Bowling to date: Ambrose 3-2-6-0 (nb-2), Bishop 9-3-16-0 (nb-2), Benjamin 11-2-27-0, Walsh 6-0-12-1 (nb-1), Richards 7-1-17-0, Arthurs 7-0-7-0.

Palace miss penalties

LONDON, March 27. (Reuter): Crystal Palace missed an English League record-equalling three penalties in their Second Division soccer match against 10-man Brighton today but still won 2-1.

Referee Kelvin Morton gave five penalties in all, four to Palace and one to the visitors.

The first three all went to Palace in a five-minute spell just before halftime. Mark Bright converted the first but had his next effort saved. Ian Wright then hit a post with his penalty kick.

In the 65th minute John Pemberton missed another Palace penalty, ballooning his kick over the bar.

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**Injury**

"Individuality is one of our weapons ... one of the things that makes this Real side great. There are several players who can score at any moment, whether the team as a whole is playing well or not."

Barcelona, missing striker Jose Baker, with an ankle injury that could put him out for four

months, will hope to rely on Julio Salinas, whose two goals on Saturday gave them an untroubled win over lowly Real Betis in Seville.

A win for Real when they visit Barcelona on Saturday would put the championship virtually beyond doubt, giving them a five-point lead and a game in hand.

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